



Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match 2024

Oxford versus Cambridge

Supported by Brigantes and OMM

Tonbridge School ~ Friday 29th & Saturday 30th March 2024

**THE
MODERN PENTATHLON
VARSITY MATCH
2024**

The 67th Varsity Match 1958 ~ 2024

Oxford University Modern Pentathlon Association

versus

Cambridge University Modern Pentathlon Club

at

Tonbridge School

&

Duckhurst Farm Equestrian Centre

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Friday 29th March

Opening Ceremony, Tonbridge School Orchard Centre

Fencing Phase, Tonbridge School Sports Centre

Swimming Phase, Tonbridge School Sports Centre

Saturday 30th March

Riding Phase, Duckhurst Farm Equestrian Centre

Combined Shooting & Running Phase, Tonbridge School Playing Fields

Presentations, Tonbridge School Cricket Pavilion



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Welcome to the 2024 Brigantes Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match between the Oxford University Modern Pentathlon Association and the Cambridge University Modern Pentathlon Club, hosted this year by the Old Blues of the Oxford club. This is the sixty-seventh match in a still unbroken series which began in 1958 as part of the British Modern Pentathlon Championships and which has gone from strength to strength ever since.

We are delighted to be returning once more to Tonbridge School, which is a fabulous venue for the match, providing excellent sporting facilities and first-class accommodation. We are very grateful to Hannah Upstone from Tonbridge Events for her guidance and to the Housemaster and staff at Judde House, our home for the duration of the competition, for their hospitality. We return, as usual, to Duckhurst Farm Equestrian Centre for our riding phase, where we enjoy the excellent support of Sue Walker and her team. Extraordinarily, it is now 32 years since our first Tonbridge and Duckhurst MPVM !

Over the next two days, the Blues and Seconds Teams of OUMPA and CUMPC will compete in the most fiercely contested match of their sporting year. The two clubs' athletes have worked extremely hard to be ready for the Varsity Match whilst also managing their important academic and, indeed, social commitments. Having trained to be at peak fitness for this weekend, they will now aim to achieve outstanding levels of performance and teamwork in the unique atmosphere of the Varsity Match.

We are honoured to be welcoming back our 2023 sponsors to the Varsity Match this year : Brigantes and OMM. It is because of their support, together with the continuing support of our fabulous Old Blues clubs, that we are able to provide a first-class competition in such an outstanding venue. We are especially grateful to Alasdair Baker, Modern Pentathlon Old Blue and Operations Director at Brigantes, for organising the support we are enjoying again this year from Brigantes and OMM.

The Varsity Match could not be run without the help of many dedicated volunteers, drawn from Old Blues and the parents, partners and friends of the competitors ... plus, of course, the incomparable Bill and Jan Bland. On behalf of the two clubs, I would like to extend our collective thanks to all those involved in the planning, organisation and support of this year's event.

Finally, I would like to wish all those competing in the Varsity Match an enjoyable, safe and successful competition. I trust that it will be an exciting and memorable experience for us all.

Hugo Fleming, 2024 Varsity Match Director.

2024 Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match Officials

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| Varsity Match Director : | Dr Hugo Fleming |
| Results Directors : | Mr Ben Measures (in person, hopefully) & Dr Lucy Greenwood (remote) |
| Match Commentator : | Mr Tristan Robbie |
| Fencing Phase Director : | Dr Tommy Lees |
| Fencing Phase Presidents : | Ms Natasha Voase, Ms Laura Plant, Ms Anna Gibbons, Dr Tommy Lees |
| Swimming Phase Director : | Dr Stephanie Gover |
| Swimming Phase Starter : | Ms Anna Gibbons |
| Riding Phase Director : | Ms Natasha Voase (with Dr Dot Nagy as Collecting Ring Steward) |
| Riding Phase Main Arena Judge : | Ms Ali Simon (with Dr Steph Gover as scribe) |
| Riding Phase Collecting Ring Judges : | Dr Emily Hopgood, Ms Vicky Moffett |
| Shooting & Running Phase Director : | Mr Gordon Campbell (with Dr Amy Radford as co-course-builder) |
| Officials and Time-Keepers : | Members of the OUMPA & CUMPC Old Blues Clubs |
| Official Photographers : | Mr Ben Measures & Mr Ben Turner (and, probably, various enthusiastic delegates) |
| Old Blues' Club Presidents : | Dr Hugo Fleming (Oxford) & Dr Fred Benham-Crosswell (Cambridge) |



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TACTICAL & ADVENTURE EQUIPMENT SPECIALISTS

On behalf of Brigantes, I would like to welcome all those competing in, supporting and organising the 2024 Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match between Oxford and Cambridge at Tonbridge School. After our first outing in 2023, we are delighted to be returning to sponsor the match again this year.

So, who are Brigantes ? ... and why have we chosen to support Varsity Modern Pentathlon, along with our sister company, Original Mountain Marathon (OMM) ?

Brigantes is a young and rapidly expanding procurement specialist for 'on the soldier' and 'on the athlete' kit and technical support equipment. We provide capability solutions to the British military and government agencies internationally and to all types of outdoor adventurers. In short, we deliver exciting capability solutions from some of the best outdoor brands as well as some of the most advanced technology solutions.

Brigantes combines technical expertise from our understanding of the outdoor world with operational military knowledge and extreme adventure experience to ensure that we offer the best products and equipment available. This is the origin of our connection with Original Mountain Marathon who run some of the most demanding multi-day endurance events and provide high performance and ultra-light running kit and equipment to a variety of extreme and endurance athletes and adventurers.

Given the origin of Modern Pentathlon as the examination of the greatest all-round sportsmen, sportswomen and sporting teams, based on the core disciplines of the elite soldier at the time when the Modern Olympic movement was conceived, the link between the work of Brigantes and Varsity Pentathlon is very natural ... and, for us, very exciting.

So, enough about the sponsors and more about the match ...

The Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match has a long history of being an exciting and keenly contested event and this year promises to continue an excellent tradition. On behalf of Brigantes and OMM, I would like to offer my very best wishes to all the competitors, from both universities, challenging for team and individual honours and striving for outstanding performances over the next two days.

At Brigantes we say ...

TEAMWORK LIES AT THE HEART OF MISSION SUCCESS

Good luck and have a great competition !

Alasdair Baker

Operations Director at Brigantes and Modern Pentathlon Old Blue

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The Brigantes team originates from the outdoor industry ... working alongside the brands that define the outdoor world. From scuba diving to mountain climbing and anything in between, we are always able to offer the most appropriate products for any adventurous requirements.



THE MODERN PENTATHLON VARSITY MATCH 2024

Friday 29th March

- 10:00 Teams Arrive at Tonbridge : JUDGE HOUSE
- 12:00 Lunch : THE ORCHARD CENTRE
- 12:30 Welcome & Introductions : THE ORCHARD CENTRE
Followed by Briefing for Fencing and Swimming Phases
- 13:00 Team Photographs : JUST OUTSIDE THE ORCHARD CENTRE
- 13:45 Arrive for Fencing Phase : THE SPORTS CENTRE
- 14:00 Fencing Warm-Up for Ladies & Gentlemen, Seconds & Blues
- 14:15 Seconds Fencing Competition
- 15:00 Blues Fencing Competition
- 18:00 Dinner : THE ORCHARD CENTRE
Followed by Briefing for Riding and Combined Shooting & Running Phases
- 19:45 Arrive for Swimming Phase : THE SPORTS CENTRE
- 20:00 Swimming Warm-Up for Seconds & Ladies
- 20:15 Seconds Swimming (Ladies then Gentlemen)
- 20:30 Ladies' Blues Swimming (three heats)
- 21:00 Swimming Warm-Up for Gentlemen & Old Blues
- 21:15 Gentlemen's Blues Swimming (three heats)
- 21:45 Old Blues' Biathlon Challenge Swimming Phase

Saturday 30th March

- 06:45 Breakfast : THE ORCHARD CENTRE
- 07:30 Teams Depart Tonbridge School for DUCKHURST FARM EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
- 08:15 Introduction to Riding Phase followed by Riding Course Walk
- 09:00 First Rider Begins Warm-Up
- 09:15 First Competition Round Commences (riding continues to approx. 12:00)
- 12:00 Return to Tonbridge School
- 12:45 Lunch for Competitors & Officials : THE ORCHARD CENTRE
- 12:45 Spectators' Picnics : THE CRICKET PAVILION
- 14:00 Arrive for Combined Shooting & Running Phase : THE CRICKET PAVILION
- 14:15 Seconds' Combined Shooting & Running (15 mins warm-up then competition at 14:30)
- 15:00 Ladies' Combined Shooting & Running (15 mins warm-up then competition at 15:15)
- 15:45 Gentlemen's Combined Shooting & Running (15 mins warm-up then competition at 16:00)
- 16:30 Old Blues' Biathlon Challenge Running Phase
- 17:00 Presentations : THE CRICKET PAVILION
- 19:00 Varsity Match Dinner Pre-Dinner Drinks : THE CRICKET PAVILION
- 19:45 Varsity Match Dinner : THE ORCHARD CENTRE

Sunday 31st March

- 08:45 Breakfast : THE ORCHARD CENTRE
- 10:00 Teams Depart Tonbridge : JUDGE HOUSE

Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match Scoring

Fencing Phase

Epée with each competitor fencing every other competitor at least three times for a maximum of 1 minute.

Seconds : 5 matches, each of 3 bouts. 15 bouts in total. Adjusted if fewer than 6 competitors
For 6 competitors, 10 hits = 1000 pentathlon points. 40 points per hit above or below 10 hits.

Blues : 11 matches, each of 3 bouts. 33 bouts in total.
23 hits = 1000 pentathlon points. 28 points per hit above or below 23 hits.

Swimming Phase

Freestyle swimming, one timed swim in heats. 200m (8x25m) for both Ladies and Gentlemen.

2 minutes 30 seconds = 1000 pentathlon points.
4 pentathlon points added or subtracted for each half of a second faster or slower than 2:30.

Riding Phase

Show jumping course of 12 fences, including combinations (total of 15 jumping efforts), on an unfamiliar horse.

Riding competition round preceded by a 15 minute warm-up and up to 4 practice jumps.

Optimum time determined by the rate of 350m per minute (arena smaller than 2,500 square metres).
Maximum time allowed is double the optimum time.

Points deducted for jumping penalties (for instance, 28 points for a knock-down, 40 points for a refusal).
Points deducted at 4 points per completed second over the optimum time.

At a first fall, 40 points are deducted and the clock will be stopped and 20 seconds added to the time taken at the time of the fall. If horse and rider are both fit to continue, the round may resume and the clock will re-start.
A second fall results in elimination.

In the event of tied scores, the winning time is that which is closest to the optimum.

Full height course (110 cm) : Clear round within optimum time = 1200 pentathlon points.
Reduced height course (80 cm) : Clear round within optimum time = 800 pentathlon points.
Lowest height course (50 cm) : Clear round within optimum time = 400 pentathlon points.

Competitors jumping full height course must be in possession of a Pentathlon GB Junior level riding certificate.
Competitors jumping reduced height course must be in possession of a Pentathlon GB U17 level riding certificate.

Combined Shooting & Running Phase

4 laps each consisting of 5 shoot targets followed by 800m cross country run for both Ladies and Gentlemen.

13 minutes 20 seconds = 2000 pentathlon points.
Shooting and Running phases timed separately within overall combined time.
4 pentathlon points added or subtracted per second faster or slower than 13:20.



Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match Rules

The following constitute the rules applied at the Varsity Match. The Varsity Match will generally be run under prevailing Pentathlon GB (PGB) rules as at the start of the current academic year, but with the following amendments and additions :

1. General Conduct & Appeals Process

- a. The Varsity Match is a 'Ladies' and a 'Gentlemen's' competition and good sporting conduct is expected at all times. Notable deviation from this ethos at any time will initiate a 'Jury of Appeal' to determine appropriate disciplinary action.
- b. The Varsity Match begins with the introductory meeting and ends at the presentations. Only in extraordinary circumstances (i.e. an extreme breach of rule 1a) would penalty be applied outside this time.
- c. The jury of appeal will be made up of any three officials from the following : Old Blues Presidents and Match or Event Directors. They will be appointed as required by the Varsity Match Director. In the event that three officials are not immediately available at the required time a substitution should be nominated with agreement between the Match Director and the person being substituted.
- d. The jury of appeal will be called by the Match Director to make any decisions which cannot be determined by simple application of the rules. Teams may request a jury of appeal only through their team manager, who should cite the rule on which the appeal is based. Only technical application of the rules can be questioned in this manner; the Event Director's and his / her officials' interpretation of events is final. Where a situation is not resolvable by direct application of the rules, the jury of appeal has the authority to resolve the matter as it deems fair.
- e. For appeals, a written account is not necessary, neither is a deposit.

2. Substitutions

- a. Teams, including reserves, must be declared as directed in the timeframe and manner requested by the Match Director (generally two weeks before the match itself). Supporting material and Pentathlon GB membership and required certification must be in place when the teams are declared.
- b. Substitutions and changes made after declaration should be in accordance with rule 1a and are at the discretion of the Match Director.
- c. The order of the reserves from the Seconds teams should be declared at the introductory meeting (i.e. 1st reserve, 2nd reserve, 3rd reserve); the order in which substitutions can be made is fixed from this time.
- d. Substitutions can be made only in the case of medical complaint or injury preventing a competitor from continuing, which must be validated by the official Varsity Match Doctor or Match Director; or in extraordinary circumstances, where a full team of 6 cannot continue, a jury of appeal may decide that allowing a substitution is in the interest of preserving a sporting contest in accordance with rule 1a.
- e. A competitor substituted between events may start at the beginning of the next event. In the swim, ride and combined event a substitute cannot start mid-way through the event. For the fence, a substitution can be made mid-way through but any fights for which the injured competitor has presented to piste are determined as fought. For this purpose only, the ride is determined as started when the competitor first mounts and for the swim and combined event when the competitor presents to the starter for their heat.
- f. The withdrawn competitor and the substituted competitor are not eligible for overall individual prizes but are eligible for event trophies for those events in which they competed (including a partial fence event; with only hits they personally gained counting).

3. The Seconds' Competition

- a. Where possible, there will be separate Seconds Ladies' and Seconds Gentlemen's Modern Tetrathlon competitions, consisting of fencing, swimming and the combined shooting and running event, with three athletes per team. Event scores from the Seconds' Team Matches cannot be used in the Varsity Match.
- b. The method of aggregation of Seconds Team scores will be a straight sum. If a university cannot provide three athletes for a team then the method of aggregation of Seconds Team scores will be determined by the Match Director, conferring with Club Presidents in accordance with rule 1a.

4. Event Winners & Trophies

- a. The fence will be won by the person who scores the most hits. In a tie-break situation the person who scores the most hits against the opposing team will be determined the winner. When a further tie-break is necessary; in the case of a draw within gender, the winner will be determined by the winner of the match that took place between the 2 competitors. In the event that the match was a draw, a one-hit barrage (i.e. overruling Pentathlon GB rules) will take place. No cross-gender barrage shall take place, the trophy shall be shared.
- b. For the purpose of awarding the shoot trophy, run trophy, skills triathlon trophy and biathlon trophies, the combined event points will be split as follows :
 - (i) The run score will be calculated with an optimum of 10 minutes 40 seconds, + / - 4 points per second.
 - (ii) The shoot score will be calculated with an optimum of 2 minutes and 40 seconds, + / - 4 points per second.
 - (iii) The skills triathlon trophy will not be awarded to anyone timing out on all shoot series.
 - (iv) The shoot time is determined by summing the time for each series calculated according to Pentathlon GB rules. The run time is calculated as the combined event time minus the shoot time.

5. Scoring System & Blues Scores

- a. The Varsity Match retains the system of 1000 points being the target score per phase (i.e. rather than the 250 points target per phase system) ... so points and penalties in the PGB rules are multiplied by 4 to ensure that results equate to previous scores and records.
- b. Each club agrees Full Blues and Half Blues scores with its university Blues Committee. Ideally, these scores are aligned across the two committees.
- c. Full Blue and Half Blue scores are for guidance only. University Blues Committees may apply their own discretion on the awarding of Full Blues and Half Blues.

6. The Fence

- a. A team pool of fencing equipment spares is allowable but must be sufficient to ensure each competitor always has a spare weapon and a spare body wire available on the piste which are in good working order, conforming to the requirements of the rules.

7. The Ride

- a. The ride will broadly follow Pentathlon GB rules, although with some specific adjustments to the scoring system.
- b. If a horse is withdrawn because it is lame or for any other reason not the fault of the rider, the rider will be assigned a reserve horse.
- c. In the case that a reserve horse is assigned, the assignment will be made by the Ride Director in conjunction with the horse owner(s).
- d. Horses' hooves will not be painted.
- e. The draw will be made at the ride briefing unless an alternative system for selecting horses for riders has been agreed in advance; the test jumping will be at a published time before the event and / or might be filmed and shared with teams before the competition. Horses will not be trotted up after the draw.
- f. Competitors are responsible for ensuring they have not exceeded their jump limit regardless of whether they have received their 1 jump warning or not.
- g. Run-outs are considered as refusals.
- h. Each jump (and the start and finish) might not be marked with flags individually.
- i. Only competitors holding at least a Pentathlon GB Junior riding certificate may ride the full height course (110 cm). Competitors holding a Pentathlon GB U17 riding certificate may ride a reduced height course (of approx. 80 cm). An introductory height course (of approx. 50 cm) might also be offered at the discretion of the Match Director.

8. The Combined Event

- a. The Varsity Match will have a mass start for the Combined Event. Positions on the range will be assigned depending on the facilities available and may be grouped in teams or alternate Oxford and Cambridge as deemed most appropriate by the Event Director.
- b. If spikes are not to be allowed at a Varsity Match this will be clarified at the Combined Event briefing and not necessarily in writing.
- c. Shared reserve pistols will, generally, be allowed. The manner in which reserve pistols can be used should be in accordance with the Event Director's briefing, especially if it is anticipated a reserve pistol will be shared.
- d. If the cause of a gun malfunction cannot be determined (i.e. blame cannot be attributed to the competitor) the benefit of the doubt is awarded to the competitor and the rules are applied as if a gun malfunction has occurred.
- e. A competitor who does not complete the course will receive 0 points.
- f. A false start will be penalised by addition of time to a competitor's recorded time, at the Event Director's discretion.
- g. If a supporter provides unauthorised assistance which is specifically 'naïve' (with no tangible advantage received by the competitor) the supporter will receive a warning in the first instance. If this is another team mate (including reserves), the Event Director may penalise the competitor.
- h. If a part of the course is not wide enough to allow passing, athletes will be briefed as to the procedure.

Oxford Ladies

**Joanna Leadley (Stratford Girls' Grammar School & New) - Captain**

This year's captain, Joanna might seem shy, but she is a force to be reckoned with. She is aiming to strike fear into Cambridge's heart in the same way we all cower before her incredible riding skills. Joanna is a fierce competitor, having refined her skills in her second year of Pentathlon at OUMPA. Watch out, she's back and better than ever ! Her solution to anything is just to buy a pony, probably better than any other welfare initiative provided by the university ... This is Joanna's second varsity this year, helping bring home the win in the cross-country mob match. She's hoping to carry on her success by leading her Ladies' team to victory this year. Her second Varsity Match.

**Emma Godden (Tauranga Girls' College & St Cross)**

Emma has dedicated herself to OUMPA and Pentathlon this year, balancing international competitions with presidency and, occasionally, her DPhil. Fresh from her BUCS success, the number one ranked Kiwi in the world has her eyes on the prize for varsity, so the tabs better watch out. A force to be reckoned with in all five disciplines, Emma has been perfecting her fencing with OUFU and is looking speedy in the combined, helped by the magic banana gun. With a dolphin-esque swim and recent BUCS riding victory, there's no stopping this dark blue. Her third Varsity Match.

**Kathryn Smith (King's School Worcester & Queen's)**

The legendary Kathryn Smith is back at the Varsity Match for one last year. The queen of the skills events, Kathryn has been working hard this year sharpening up her shooting skills and investing a lot of time into one-to-one fencing coaching. With her *fencing coach* joining as the men's Team Manager, she will once again have her eye on the skills trophy. Of course, her talents don't end there ! Kathryn's consistently rapid swim and run make her one to watch in this year's competition across all events. Her seventh Varsity Match.

**Sophia Lubiecki (Fisher Catholic High School & St John's)**

The tabs had better watch out for Sophia this year ! She has already warmed up for the weekend by stabbing some tabs at fencing Varsity. The other events haven't been neglected either - a horse trying to live his rodeo dream was no challenge for her riding skills and she loves a swim session (even if that is mostly for social showering after). The shorter the shorts, the faster the run has been Sophia's motto for laser run training and she has certainly been living up to it, flying around the track. Sophia's only weakness is a bedside table. Her third Varsity Match.

**Hannah Williams (Loughborough High School & Keble)**

Hannah is a mainstay of the OUMPA scene, and from helping to run this year's events to her impressive ability in all five disciplines she truly is an indispensable member of the team. Her riding skills have been honed by two years representing Oxford in Equestrian, as well as Modern Pentathlon, so this multi-talented competitor is poised to impress at Tonbridge this year. Much to the dismay of the tabs, Hannah's medical degree means we will be lucky enough to watch more of her performances in years to come - long live the Queen ! Her fourth Varsity Match.

**Jemima White (The Perse School & Oriel)**

One of the bubbliest and smiley members of OUMPA, Jemima has an uncanny knack of making even the worst sessions full of laughs (and we're fairly sure we're laughing with her !). Fitting in training alongside her medical degree, a bustling social life and the occasional trip to Paris, she leaves us eating her wake with her effortless stroke in the pool. She also has an incredibly classy ride, with her modelling height making the run and fence look easy. Although she doesn't quite know the number of planets in the Milky Way, she definitely knows how to shoe tabs. Her third Varsity Match.

Oxford

Oxford Gentlemen



Max Cowan (Oakhill College, Sidney Sussex Cambridge & St Catherine's) - Captain

Max's captaincy is a dedicated one. Whilst this is almost entirely meant positively, it can also be said that he is consistently dedicated to turning up at least a few minutes late, hopping into the pool at least 200m into the set or after the fencing warm-up, something Benj is insistent he actually attends given Max's creative footwork. Whilst Max might blame this on his degree, one could also ask why he needs quite so many, though the medical background has come in very handy for looking after tabs that have been shoe'd just a little too hard. With an ever present smile and quick chat Max will surely make his third varsity a good one, on and off the track. His third Varsity Match.



Nicholas Lim (Shanghai American School, Rochester University & Exeter)

When not occupied with OUSC and OUFC, Nick does Pentathlon. After the heights of Asian Games and World Cups, Nick is nervous about having a competent support team. Having abandoned the goal of finishing his PhD by Christmas, he can compete, now unburdened by an extra 5kg on his back. Swimming recruitment has again proved a success and he can aim for a 3rd or 4th place. Nick has become a formidable fencer, scaring the likes of Korean Olympians and with his experience and non-American accent, he can lead Oxford to victory. Expect congratulation texts to be answered in 3-5 working days, unless you're a Tab known as the 'lesser-Choong'. His third Varsity Match.



Matt Courtis (Kelly College & New)

The last time Matt competed at a varsity, Nokia was the top selling phone brand, Backstreet Boys were Billboard's No. 1, and Bitcoin was worth £0.01. In the words of Mark Twain, 'Reports of his death are greatly exaggerated'. Matt is back. Is it a coincidence that, of his 87 varsities, Matt boasts a stunning 86-1 shoe record? We choose to forget his one loss, when he donned blue-green colours by accident. Matt has been hailed as an 'Adonis' by the men's team, and by one member of the women's team. A certified fish, expect big things in the pool, and a good shoot will make him a threat in the combined. Women want him. Men also want him. His seventh Varsity Match.



William Ogilvie (Thomas Telford School & St Hugh's)

After contracting a chest infection in August that lasted until what felt like January this year, Will is back and stronger than ever (except when exposed to animal dander, the common cold, night clubs, or grass pollen). He is now so strong, in fact, that footwear is optional. Having ditched closed-toe footwear for five-finger shoes, he is looking to bring an entirely different kind of shoe to the table in this year's shoeing event. Another resident mathematician, Will has solved the OUMPA budget problem and is now postulating a novel sum of points to put towards the men's trophy. His second Varsity Match.



Robert Mitchell (Durham & Merton)

Meet Rob, OUMPA's fun uplifting and ever enthusiastic social sec. Keen to keep us all in high spirits, whilst walking the tightrope of fun and focus that exists under our current brutal regime. Despite being more of a specialist in tennis, Rob has spent this last year not only consistently building on all five sports, but also courageously leading the team in socials. Something he excels at and that we're all grateful for, even though his attendance cannot always be counted on. A reliable shot and aggressive fencer, we are guaranteed a strong performance. His second Varsity Match.



Ioan Cressey Rodgers (Queen Elizabeth & St Peter's)

Fresh off a crushing victory against Cambridge in Varsity Swimming, TJ (I forget his real name) is ready for an encore. His dedication to Pentathlon is unparalleled. As a Welshman, TJ was nursed on sheep's milk and wrapped in sheep's clothing from the moment he was plucked out of a sheep's womb. Due to Wales's lack of horses, he rode sheep to and from school, so we know he's smashing the show jump. Rumour has it that TJ's solid seat and stable jumping position are what won his (18 minus 1) year-old girlfriend over. Fast swimmer, great laser runner, amazing show jumper, and we know he's coming for blood in the fence. The ultimate pentathlete. His first Varsity Match.

Oxford

Oxford Seconds



Bea Munro (The West Bridgford School, Hertford) - Blues Team First Reserve

Despite this being her first Pentathlon varsity, Bea is a seasoned athlete, having competed in cross-country competitions and, recently, smashing several club records for the Belugas at swimming varsity. A third year law student, she is motivating, friendly and has a gritty determination to push herself through in tough races. To recharge after her athletic endeavours, Bea is known to like a good cinnamon bun. But, like her sport, she does not take this lightly. After meticulous research, she now knows the best bun in Oxford. Her first Varsity Match.



Mali Jongman-Rios (Hills Road Sixth Form, Balliol)

Mali might be a fresher, but this is already her second Varsity ! Coming off the back of a clean sweep at swim Varsity, Mali is ready and raring to rep the Seconds. Tabs beware, Mali has been working out the maximum velocity with which to shoe. This Cambridge-born Balliol-native has no reservations about smashing the Tabs ! Her first Varsity Match.



Grace Haworth (St Mary's School & New)

Grace has been a member of OUMPA for a couple of years and we are really pleased that she has time to be in our team this year ! This might be her first showing for OUMPA, but this is not her first varsity ! Grace is very busy as she studies physics and rides for the university's equestrian team. As a result, she is an expert in anything and everything to do with horses and is very used to competing against Cambridge ! Although not riding this year, Grace is a speedy swimmer and the tabs better watch out for her in the fencing, as she is vicious. Grace's positive and upbeat attitude make her a joy to have on the team. Her first Varsity Match.



Sam Nichols (Repton & Corpus Christi) - Blues Team First Reserve

You may wonder, why did OUMPA recruit a man 2 points away from legally requiring a seeing eye dog ? Well, Sam's a mathematician, and, apparently, he's worked out some probabilistic calculation to guarantee a 5/5 hit on every laser run, so we're genuinely just interested to find out. As a bonus, Sam's also one of the elite converts of the OU Swim Club talent scheme, which means he has the hand eye coordination of jellyfish, but swims like a shark (see Sam Nicholls OUAFC Crew Date for more information). Luckily, jellyfish sting. The epitome of fish out of water, Sam doesn't look like a runner to you, but he's been running marathons for fun to be ready. His second Varsity Match.



Ben Wharton (King Edward's & Corpus Christi)

A new pentathlete this year, Ben has brought many new things to the club : love for long runs, a beautiful smile, and hips for days. From joining as an excuse to acquire more pool time for his water polo practice, he has exceeded all round with an excellent fencing flurry, sharp shooting and rapid running. Ben's success isn't just anecdotal, he acquired a landslide victory against the tabs in novice varsity and claims to be able to 'easily' score on Nick in a fence. Despite all of this he remains extremely humble, never thinking he knows better than others, as shown by his 'most likely to correct award' at halfway hall. His first Varsity Match.



Vincent Allott (Ashton Sixth Form & St Catherine's)

Ditching allergic reactions to nuts and rowing in exchange for Pentathlon this year, Vincent is the newest medic to be lured into the Oxford team. Whilst his chest muscles make the rugby boys blush, make no mistake, this redhead will slip through the water and glide around the track. What's more, those big shoulders are great for keeping his hand steady on the shoot. Vincent has also developed a love for fencing this year, and we're sure he'll be smiling the whole time under that mask as he jabs some tabs. With Vincent's impressive commitment to training in-between horrible shifts at the hospital, expect to see him break many PBs. His first Varsity Match.



Oxford University Modern Pentathlon Association 2024



The 2024 Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match



| Fence | | |
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| Hits | Points | Place |

| Swim | | |
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| Time | Points | Place |

| After Two | |
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| Points | Place |

Oxford Ladies

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| Joanna Leadley |
| Emma Godden |
| Kathryn Smith |
| Sophia Lubiecki |
| Hannah Williams |
| Jemima White |

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Cambridge Ladies



Anna Basford (Emmanuel) - Captain

Few introductions are needed for Anna Basford. Storming the field in her first year in Cambridge, she's hit the ground running. Picking up two BUCS gold medals, a Blue and a Varsity win in her 1st year, it was all a bit too easy. This year, she's taken on the real challenge, enduring the tumultuous world of pentathlon committee admin. Early mornings and late nights have been spent training so that she can now write a CUMPC weekly email update in 20 seconds flat. She's looking forward to a break from 'pentmin' over the Varsity weekend, where we hope to see her cruise to another victory. Her second Varsity Match.



Anniko Firman (Christ's)

Anniko who? Anniko don't panniko AKA CUMPC President Anniko Firman - we've all heard of her. Like Atlantis and the Fountain of Youth, however, we have yet to prove she really exists. The last person we sent into the Classics library to look for her never returned. Some say she competed for the Blues fencers this year, others rumour she's been showing off her knowledge on University Challenge ... as long as she doesn't get asked what the verbs 'running' and 'swimming' mean. All we can really hope for is that the promise of free food, trophies, and the 6th event will draw her out of hiding. Her third Varsity Match.



Lucy Steele (Girton)

Back again stronger than ever with metal reinforced bones, Lucy 'partially made of' Steele hopes to prove that you only need to train each event once in the lead up to Varsity to shake the rust off. Last seen in the back of an ambulance, it would be reasonable to think Lucy would have called it a day with Pentathlon. Having shown she's still show-jumping ready with a great round at BUCS, and demonstrated her fencing prowess, Lucy has proved an inspiration to us all through her hard work and determination. We're looking forward to seeing her perform one final time. Her third Varsity Match.



Laura Dearn (Lucy Cavendish)

Back for 4th year vet med for the 2nd time, Laura keeps managing to find creative ways to prolong her graduation. As long as she's spending that time doing pent, we're not complaining. She seems to agree, with the ratio of time-spent-at-stables to time-spent-doing-degree currently at 100:0. This strategy seems to have paid off, as she now manages to actually stay on the horse at least 50% of the time. Unfortunately, her plans to improve her run and swim this year have been thwarted by breaking her foot in the extreme sport of 'standing up'. However, do watch out for her, as she has certainly not been lazy on the piste this year. Her second Varsity Match.



Kate Jacovides (Fitzwilliam)

With a strong background in eventing and training on professional event horses, Kate is ready to use all her riding talent to smash this Varsity match. On top of that, her newfound ability to dive and tumble turn will no doubt have O*ford quaking in their boots. She's successfully juggled Pentathlon training with the never-ending Fitz choir commitments, and we can't wait to see all her hard work pay off. Her first Varsity Match.



Ann-Kristin Balve (Christ's)

Ann-Kristin's calm and kind exterior masks a lethal weapon. Already adept with her fists with a background in Kung Fu, we've made the mistake of teaching her how to use pistols and swords as well. Now there's no stopping her! Our globe-trotting German recruit has impressed us with her riding, making a seamless transition from dressage to jumping. She'll be striding round the laser run at an impressive pace, just make sure you're not in her way! Her first Varsity Match.

Cambridge

Cambridge Gentlemen



Rudi Bruijn-Yard (Downing) - Captain

What can't Rudi do ? He has blade skills to make Zorro jealous, a dead-eye shot, and somehow he is also athletic enough to touch his derriere to the ceiling of the Cambridge Nanna Mex. Only a skilled artist could have crafted Rudi with a chisel. Unfortunately, said artist slipped when finishing off his left knee. We can only hope a bit of glue and tape will keep him together over the competition. Likely to be seen with a beaming smile throughout, we look forward to seeing Rudi pick up yet more trophies. His third Varsity Match.



Tads Ciecierski-Holmes (Wolfson)

Our resident 'old timer' is back at it again for another varsity season in top form. Our one-man committee is a one-man army when it comes to battling the dark blues. That is, if he can convince his horse to keep him on board this year. If only the show-jumping were without the horse, we think he would do quite well, stepping over them as he has his opponents this BUCS season. Some say that the ground trembles when he walks and some say that he has a little trumpet for delivering dreams to children, but everyone says that our beloved light blue B.F.G. will be looking down on the fallen at this his... fifth ? No sixth ? ... eighth ? Never mind ... Varsity Match.



Sam Bojarski (Gonville & Caius)

A firm believer in the n+1 rule (n being last year's number of sports and 1 indicating an additional sport per annum), Sam is likely to debut in the ride this year. One can only hope that the horse doesn't smell his emotional unavailability and r-eject him from the saddle. His effort better pay off, as he seems to have spent more time on horseback than actually doing his degree. Despite this fact, he has snagged a great postgrad position in Switzerland where he will be doing something to something and hoping something happens, so that something can be published. Isn't that every PhD ? The brains and the brawn are coming for O*ford. His second and final Varsity Match.



Thomas Bernaudon (Homerton)

Every day we grow more concerned about Thomas' experience with weapons. He is a great fencer and a sharp shot but we're sure he prefers his arms to be longer range and manufactured somewhere in the East. We're all very keen to see if he can keep his natural flair in check to put the dark blues under fire in the fence and running for cover in the swim and shoot. We're sure that Thomas runs fast but since it suits him to launch from a distance we're hoping he will do his best to run laps around O*ford this year. He is looking for an explosive start to this his second Varsity Match. (PS. Hot chocolate is the way to his heart)



Sandy Hickson (Sidney Sussex)

Setting out at Cambridge this year with the intention of becoming the next Steve Irwin, Sandy has waved goodbye for the next few years to his pet kangaroo while he chases mosquitoes in pursuit of a doctorate. In the meantime, he's been getting side-tracked with triathlon, spreading his infectious smile and giggle, and now being press-ganged into the pointy end of a sword. With whispers that he may get signed off to ride before the varsity match - which will be the first mammal he's ridden since bulls at an Aussie rodeo - watch out for this man from down under overtaking you round the track ! His first Varsity Match.



Kai Katsuya Gaviria (St Edmund's)

Kai is such a lovely member of the team and a joy to have for this varsity season. With a speedy run and an improving swim he has made strides this year ! It is possible that he is too lovely for fencing as we are still working on his stabbing. We are sure that Pentathlon fever is in his blood as he is a man of many sports, even giving up on baseball varsity to compete at BUCS pentathlon with us. Wishing him the best at this his first Varsity Match.

Cambridge

Cambridge Seconds



Ella Honey (Girton) - Blues Team First Reserve

Our latest addition to the team, Ella has absorbed the pentathlon spirit like no other, enthusiastically taking up fencing and shooting in her first pent session and being one of the only people to show up to intervals, putting the rest of her team to shame. Normally used to chasing a ball around a pool, she will have to get familiar with lane ropes, and swimming head down, and in a straight line. A speedy one in the pool and a fierce water polo player, her strengths will translate wonderfully to all the sports. Her first Varsity Match.



Orlando Timmerman (Downing) - Blues Team First Reserve

With legs, arms, and hair longer than the rest of the team combined, Orlando (not Bloom) is hoping that his sheer lengthiness will make up for the fact that he's literally never been on the receiving end of an épée, isn't qualified to ride, and has taken approximately five and a half shots with a pistol. What he lacks in experience he makes up for in a buoyant energy that will hopefully buoy him through a swim that he has perplexingly described as 'lacking kick'. We're very glad to continue a long-standing tradition of moulding triathletes into pentathletes and look forward to Orlando's performance in this, his first Varsity Match.



Rupert Gardiner (St John's)

Rupert joins a legion of lanky men who seem to be drawn to Pentathlon and have renounced rowing as a past addiction. At least he has great experience with blades, although it's a shame none of them were épées. We can only pray he is not called up for the boat race. We also struggle to wonder what would happen if he ever capsized, since the 50m swim to shore would take more than a minute, by which time the Thames would have claimed another hypothermic soul (the others being the dark blues boat squad). Swimming may not be his strong suit but some animals were born for life on land and boy can he run. We are excited to see his speed in his first Varsity Match.





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Varsity Match 2024 Prospects : Oxford

For Oxford, Team Managers Isla Sandeman and Benj Schneider cast an eye over the 2024 OUMPA varsity teams

We are all very excited to be returning to Tonbridge for the 2024 Varsity Match. As we all know, this season might end up being the last year for the Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match in the form which we all know and love ... perhaps the last year for riding and the last year at the wonderful Tonbridge School. However, this year will, most definitely, be the last in which **Kathryn Smith** will be competing for OUMPA ! During a hefty seven years of Oxbridge Pentathlon experience, with multiple Pentathlon Full Blues (and a few from Fencing) and Varsity Match records to her name, Kathryn has been a formidable force for OUMPA and will be sorely missed. Watch out Tabs as she is sure to want to end this incredible time on a high.

The rest of the **OUMPA Ladies' Blues Team** is also not lacking in experience, with every member having a Pentathlon Blue to their name. This year's President, **Emma Godden**, comes into the Varsity Match off the back of an outstanding international Pentathlon debut and top three placing at BUCS. Her Kiwi charm and fierce commitment to the club are sure to put her in a good position to secure some serious silverware for OUMPA. Next up is this year's Captain, **Joanna Leadley**. Despite being the youngest on the team, Joanna is experienced beyond her years, having competed in Tetrathlon and multiple riding disciplines before joining OUMPA. Joanna has really stepped up this year in her role as Captain, working hard to improve the whole club's Combined and Riding skills. OUMPA's shining ex-Pent GB athlete and all round superstar, **Sophia Lubiecki** might also be competing in her last Varsity Match this year. Sophia has had a few bumps this season, including one to the head, but a little concussion won't stop this formidable Full Blue pentathlete, especially when fuelled by old rivalries and a fantastic recent BUCS performance. The wonderful **Hannah Williams** is back in the Blue's team for a fourth time and, with the rest of a lengthy Medicine degree still ahead of her, we are pleased to say she will be continuing to shoe the Tabs for years to come ! Hannah's beaming smile lights up any training session and has helped bring in some new recruits this year. But don't be fooled, she is a talented Pentathlete and contender for top placings. Last but certainly not least, **Jemima White**, another medic who we hope isn't going anywhere any time soon. Jemima excels in all disciplines and put in a fantastic performance at BUCS. We are really happy to see her on the Blues team this year, ready to show off her riding prowess.

The Blues are backed up by a superb **OUMPA Ladies' Seconds Team**. With her extensive riding experience, Grace Haworth was in serious contention for a place on the Blues team and we know that she will put in a stellar performance in the Tet. **Bea Munro** and **Mali Jongman-Rios** are our fantastic new recruits with competitive swimming and multi-sport experience. We are very happy to have them on the team and are looking forward to seeing their performances this year and beyond.

The **OUMPA Gentlemen's Blues Team** has been turned on its head by this year's Captain, **Max 'Down Under 2:30' Cowan**. A year of many high-potential new faces has created much competition for precious places on the team, which includes a mixture of old hands and fresh feet. All our club members' specialities have supported progress, but particular thanks go to Matt, Matt and Matt for all the work they have done optimising training this year. Watch out for Captain Max in the Combined and the Swim where his steady pacing and fishy jokes are bound to have an impact. His dashing good looks have convinced many opponents to donate him hits in the Fence and he'll be looking to repeat this on the big stage. He leads a trio of international veterans. **Nick Lim** has been cruising the waves during a year of international competition, with close calls at the Asian Games. Nick's consistency across all five events puts him in position to contend for any and every trophy available. This year's horse whispering has left him trampled and without a BUCS gold medal, but he's never more than one clean ride away from being a favourite. **Matt Courtis** rounds off the experienced end of the team, with another ballistic swim. CUMPC will have to be wary of his water polo tackles in the fence, especially if the referee isn't watching. Matt had planned to have retired to a tropical island by this point in his career, but the OUMPA President somehow convinced him to stay. All three will be looking to cement their place in OUMPA history. The other half of the Gents' Blues Team is spearheaded by young boy, **Rob Mitchell**. Having first tried sport last year, Rob has become converted to the routine. His favourite events are shooting while standing still, letting the horse do the work for him, and his infamous sixth event. But the athleticism he has built in these disciplines will translate to a confident all-round performance. Prodigy **Will Ogilvie** has spent the year bulking out, and has made leaps and bounds in all events. He's already a danger man in the Combined and the Fence and will have more years to prosper, if this one doesn't go his way. Our unknown quantity, **Ioan Cressey Rodgers**, rounds off the Gents' Team, and underestimating him might leave Cambridge in a shambles. He first became a household name in University Sports in 2017, when his last minute squopping overturned a big pot to secure Oxford's first Tiddlywinks Varsity win in 74 years. Since then, he has enjoyed other hobbies, such as professional pony grooming and Octopush, all of which will contribute to his performance at this prestigious event.

The **OUMPA Gentlemen's Seconds Team** features shark enjoyers **Sam Nichols** and **Ben Wharton**, both of whom have kept this event in their sights all year. They'll be sure to lead the pack in the Swim, and whether with lanky hosepipes or raw confidence, they'll pack a punch in the Fence as well. Both have hit the target from 10m at least once this year, but, with regular 50 second breaks, you can rely on them to tear up the track in the Combined. The BFG, **Vin Allott**, has spent the year down from the beanstalk and is never to be missed at training. His commitment has been outstanding. Muscle might weigh more than water, but he has no issue floating his way to the front.

Good luck to all the Oxford Teams at MPVM 2024. Go OUMPA !

Varsity Match 2024 Prospects : Cambridge

For Cambridge, Team Managers Georgina Quayle and Loïc Lannelongue take a look at CUMPC's prospects for MPVM 2024

Despite losing a large number of experienced pentathletes to the horrors of graduation, the **CUMPC Ladies' Blues Team** is back with a vengeance, aiming to replicate last year's victory over the dark blues. Our wonderful CUMPC President and co-Captain **Anniko Firman** has now fully mastered the Ride and Fence, as demonstrated in her incredible BUCS performance, so incredible that she decided to call it a day after these two events due to academic commitments back in the light blue city. She is a complete all-rounder, with her many sports, societies, and academic endeavours, and she is a joy to watch in every event. Our other co-Captain, **Anna Basford**, BUCS Pentathlon Women's Individual Champion and scorer in the overall win for the Cambridge A team, is well placed to be taking silverware back home this year. Still our most experienced and most humble pentathlete, she is using college rowing as cross training to ensure a strong performance in the Swim and Run, and her technical skills will shine in the Fence, Ride and Shoot, once she sorts her sights out again.

Our bravest and most inspirational pentathlete, **Lucy Steele**, is back this year to complete all five sports, and make it to the all-important sixth event in the evening, rather than spending the night in hospital. Broken leg physio, chasing round after farm animals doing vet things, her love of cycling, and her residual fitness mean she is raring to go in this year's Varsity. Another pentathlete keen to complete the full Pentathlon is **Laura Dearn**, who's main ambition is to successfully get round the Ride. She has put a lot of time and practice into the Ride and Fence and she will be a strong competitor in these technical skills. **Kate Jacovides**, one of our newcomers this year, who we were told joined 'just for fitness', but who has gained her competitive edge and is excelling in the Ride, Swim and Run. Enthusiastic and always smiling, even at the 7.30am Friday morning swim sessions, she has picked up new Pentathlon skills in her stride to add to her existing riding ability. Another newcomer and the pentathlete with the highest attendance at S&C is **Ann-Kristin Balve**. Keen to master the tumble turn and get her shots down she has been getting quicker both in the water and on land. She has brought her dressage riding experience to show jumping and we are looking forward to watching our two newcomers complete their first ever full Pentathlon.

The **CUMPC Ladies' Seconds Team** has been lovingly and painstakingly distilled into a small but potentially mighty team of one. **Ella Honey** is an experienced, and now fully re-purposed, water polo player and speedy land athlete too. She is ready to take on the entire Seconds Team role single-handed and we hope the experience will convert her to Pentathlon for good !

The **CUMPC Gentlemen's Blues Team** hopes to replicate its successes from last year, relying on the talent of its seasoned Pentathletes, bolstered by keen novices looking to impress in their first (of hopefully many) Varsity Matches. Leading his team into the fray once again as Gents' Captain is **Rudi Brujin-Yard** who has done a fine job coaching his team in the skills components of Pentathlon. He has already drawn blood this year at the Fencing Varsity Match, leading M1 Epee to victory, a feat we hope he will replicate on the piste in Tonbridge. He is joined by **Tads Ciecierski-Holmes**, now competing in his sixth Varsity, who has gone from strength to strength this year. He is coming off the back of another BUCS victory where he gave a strong consistent performance across all five sports. We hope to see our veteran pentathlete go for gold at Varsity as well, provided he stays on his horse !

Sam Bojarski will have the same objective and has shown an unwavering commitment in his efforts learning to show jump. Having won the Novice Trophy last year, he has only grown stronger across all the disciplines. We hope to see personal bests in the swim and laser run this year, contributing to a high overall score. A potential winner of the Novice Trophy this year is **Kai Katsuya-Gaviria**. With a third place finish at Novice Varsity, and further Tetrathlon experience under his belt after BUCS, we look forward to seeing this footballer-turned-pentathlete fly around the Laser Run. Our next team member, who certainly knows a lot about pistols, is **Thomas Bernaudon**. We hope that he can keep his sights on target so he can chase a personal best in the Combined ! Keep an eye out for his theatrical flurries on piste. Our final member, and a last minute addition, is **Sandy Hickson**, Australian naturalist by day and Triathlete by slightly-earlier-in-the-day. Despite having spent most of his time in the saddle of the bike variety, he is keen to bring out his old riding skills and show O*ford what's what in all five sports.

On the **CUMPC Gentlemen's Seconds Team**, we have **Orlando Timmerman**, the latest member of the starred list of triathletes-turned-pentathletes. Despite his lack of experience in the more combative elements of the Pentathlon, his Run and Swim are something to look out for. Completing the team is **Rupert Gardiner**, another budding novice converted from the woes of college rowing. He may not have taken up the CUMPC 'get on a horse initiative', but he certainly has taken on our 'learn to swim' initiative. Rupert is definitely much more comfortable on land, where we hope to see him taking points from Oxford in the fence, and racking up points in the Laser Run.

We wish everyone on the team the best of luck for this year's competition. GDBO !

Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match Records

Ladies

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| Fencing Event : | Henny Dillon (C) | 21 out of 22 victories (95.45%) | 2013 | 1,160 points |
| Swimming Event : | Henny Dillon (C) | 200m in 2 mins 7.15 secs | 2014 | 1,276 points |
| Riding Event : | Many | Clear round inside the optimum time | | 1,200 points |
| Shooting Event : | Clare Tuck (C) | 180 out of 200 target points | 1999 | 1,096 points |
| | Ali Simon (C) | 3 x 5 knock down targets in 1 min 54 secs | 2015 | 1,144 points |
| | Kathryn Smith (O) | 4 x 5 hits in 1 min 12 secs | 2022 | 1,112 points |
| Running Event : | Stephanie Cook (O) | 2,000m in 6 mins 27 secs | 1997 | 1,365 points |
| | Lucy Hasell (O) | 3,000m in 10 mins 9 secs | 2000 | 1,282 points |
| | Clare Kane (O) | 3 x 1,000m in 10 mins 17 secs | 2011 | 932 points |
| | Dani Chattenton (O) | 4 x 800m in 11 mins 13 secs | 2017 | 868 points |
| Combined Event : | Katie Hickson (O) | 3,000m and 15 targets in 12 mins 47 secs | 2014 | 1,932 points |
| | Dani Chattenton (O) | 3,200m and 20 hits in 13 mins 59 secs | 2017 | 1,844 points |
| Match Individual : | Julia Allen (C) | Pre Combined Event | 1996 | 5,604 points |
| | Katie Hickson (O) | With Combined Event | 2014 | 5,120 points |
| Match Team : | Cambridge | Team of 5 Athletes | 1996 | 24,524 points |
| | Oxford | Team of 6 Athletes Pre Combined Event | 2003 | 25,696 points |
| | Cambridge | Team of 6 Athletes With Combined Event | 2019 | 24,728 points |
| Oxford Individual : | Aly Rowell (O) | Pre Combined Event | 2003 | 5,464 points |
| | Katie Hickson (O) | With Combined Event | 2014 | 5,120 points |
| Oxford Team : | Captain : Rain Newton-Smith | Team of 5 Athletes | 1997 | 23,829 points |
| | Captain : Sabrina Verjee | Team of 6 Athletes Pre Combined Event | 2003 | 25,696 points |
| | Captain : Rebecca Oates | Team of 6 Athletes With Combined Event | 2017 | 24,512 points |
| Cambridge Individual : | Julia Allen (C) | Pre Combined Event | 1996 | 5,604 points |
| | Dorottya Nagy (C) | With Combined Event | 2019 | 4,864 points |
| Cambridge Team : | Captain : Ettie Boyd | Team of 5 Athletes | 1996 | 24,524 points |
| | Captain : Nicky Brooks | Team of 6 Athletes Pre Combined Event | 2007 | 25,200 points |
| | Captain : Dorottya Nagy | Team of 6 Athletes With Combined Event | 2019 | 24,728 points |
| Longest Winning Run : | Cambridge | Successive Victories, 1978 to 1986, 1991 to 1999 | | 9 matches |
| Longest Team Record : | Oxford (2003 onwards) | As yet unbeaten | | 21 years |



Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match Records

Gentlemen

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| Fencing Event : | Peter Wall (C) | 22 out of 22 victories (100%) | 1976 | 1,350 points |
| Swimming Event : | Reamon Smale (C) | 300m in 3 mins 19.5 secs | 1993 | 1,276 points |
| | Henry Choong (C) | 200m in 1 min 53.54 secs | 2019 | 1,292 points |
| Riding Event : | Many | Clear round inside the optimum time | | 1,200 points |
| Shooting Event : | Alistair George (O) | 186 out of 200 target points | 1994 | 1,168 points |
| | Tom Barber (C) | 3 x 5 knock down targets in 1 min 49 secs | 2011 | 1,164 points |
| | Rudi Bruijn-Yard (C) | 4 x 5 hits in 56 secs | 2022 | 1,176 points |
| Running Event : | Rob Pontefract (C) | 4,000m in 12 mins 35 secs | 1969 | 1,300 points |
| | Matthew Barnes (O) | 3,000m in 9 mins 6 secs | 1998 | 1,216 points |
| | Jonny Pearson-Stuttard (O) | 3 x 1,000m in total 9 mins 11 secs | 2011 | 1,196 points |
| | Tommy Lees (O) | 4 x 800m in 10 mins 6 secs | 2021 | 1,376 points |
| Combined Event : | Harry Tabor (O) | 3,000m and 15 targets in 11 mins 23 secs | 2011 | 2,268 points |
| | Tommy Lees (O) | 3,200m and 20 hits in 12 mins 7 secs | 2019 | 2,284 points |
| Match Individual : | Richard Hildick-Smith (O) | Pre Combined Event | 2007 | 5,676 points |
| | Tommy Lees (O) | With Combined Event | 2019 | 5,824 points |
| Match Team : | Oxford | Team of 6 Athletes Pre Combined Event | 1998 | 29,057 points |
| | Oxford | Team of 6 Athletes With Combined Event | 2013 | 30,228 points |
| Oxford Individual : | Richard Hildick-Smith (O) | Pre Combined Event | 2007 | 5,676 points |
| | Tommy Lees (O) | With Combined Event | 2019 | 5,824 points |
| Oxford Team : | Captain : John Miller | Team of 6 Athletes Pre Combined Event | 1998 | 29,057 points |
| | Captain : Alex Fraser | Team of 6 Athletes With Combined Event | 2013 | 30,228 points |
| Cambridge Individual : | Jamie Dixon (C) | Pre Combined Event | 1996 | 5,287 points |
| | Henry Choong (C) | With Combined Event | 2016 | 5,772 points |
| Cambridge Team : | Captain : James Whetman | Team of 6 Athletes Pre Combined Event | 1996 | 28,813 points |
| | Captain : Archie Myrtle | Team of 6 Athletes With Combined Event | 2014 | 29,844 points |
| Longest Winning Run : | Oxford | Successive Victories, 1997 to 2013 | | 17 matches |
| Longest Team Record : | Cambridge (1962 to 1988) | Beaten by Oxford (Captain : Tristan Robbie) | | 26 years |

Notes On Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match Records

Ladies' team records are since 5 athlete teams replaced 4 athlete teams in 1991 (3 athlete teams from 1976 until 1981).

Ladies' fencing moved from 21 bouts (teams of 4), to 27 bouts (teams of 5), to 22 bouts (teams of 6).

Gentlemen's swimming distance changed from 300m to 200m in 1998.

Maximum riding score changed from 1,100 to 1,200 in 2003.

Shooting records are since air pistols replaced live pistols in 1994.

Ladies' running distance changed from 2,000m to 3,000m in 1998.

Gentlemen's running distances changed from 4,000m to 3,000m in 1998.

Combined Event introduced in 2010.

Fencing moved from 22 bouts to 33 bouts (teams of 6) in 2017.

Laser pistols replaced air pistols and Combined Event changed to 4 x 800m laps and 4 rounds of shooting in 2017.

Ride event changed to include two or three course heights in 2017.

No new records set in 2020 when the Covid pandemic required a reconfiguration of the match into a time trials format.

Only first instances of record performances are noted. New records are noted only when a previous record is broken.

Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match Champions : Ladies

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------|-------|----------------------|------|------|
| 1976 | Oxford | 10842 | F. Stead (O) | 4528 | 1976 |
| 1977 | Oxford | 9218 | F. Stead (O) | 4215 | 1977 |
| 1978 | Cambridge | 11510 | V. Hall (C) | 4598 | 1978 |
| 1979 | Cambridge | 10871 | V. Hall (C) | 4354 | 1979 |
| 1980 | Cambridge | 11232 | A. Alexander (C) | 4388 | 1980 |
| 1981 | Cambridge | 12574 | A. Alexander (C) | 4723 | 1981 |
| 1982 | Cambridge | 15698 | A. Alexander (C) | 4398 | 1982 |
| 1983 | Cambridge | 15454 | E. Hand (C) | 4630 | 1983 |
| 1984 | Cambridge | 17208 | E. Hand (C) | 4511 | 1984 |
| 1985 | Cambridge | 13328 | E. Hand (C) | 3926 | 1985 |
| 1986 | Cambridge | 12786 | J. Rowley (O) | 3522 | 1986 |
| 1987 | Oxford | 14533 | R.M. Payne (O) | 4300 | 1987 |
| 1988 | Cambridge | 15237 | R.M. Payne (O) | 4217 | 1988 |
| 1989 | Cambridge | 15112 | A. Varey (C) | 4550 | 1989 |
| 1990 | Oxford | 16131 | K. L. M. Houston (O) | 4941 | 1990 |
| 1991 | Cambridge | 21093 | J.M. Allen (C) | 5052 | 1991 |
| 1992 | Cambridge | 20599 | J.M. Allen (C) | 5048 | 1992 |
| 1993 | Cambridge | 22154 | J.M. Allen (C) | 5093 | 1993 |
| 1994 | Cambridge | 22634 | J.M. Allen (C) | 5479 | 1994 |
| 1995 | Cambridge | 21258 | J.M. Allen (C) | 5446 | 1995 |
| 1996 | Cambridge | 24524 | J.M. Allen (C) | 5604 | 1996 |
| 1997 | Cambridge | 23843 | S. Cook (O) | 5323 | 1997 |
| 1998 | Cambridge | 22867 | L. Willcocks (O) | 5314 | 1998 |
| 1999 | Cambridge | 21511 | L. Hasell (O) | 4803 | 1999 |
| 2000 | Oxford | 19276 | H. Thompson (C) | 4951 | 2000 |
| 2001 | Oxford | 20866 | H. Thompson (C) | 4805 | 2001 |
| 2002 | Oxford | 18293 | H. Thompson (C) | 4628 | 2002 |
| 2003 | Oxford | 25696 | A. Rowell (O) | 5464 | 2003 |
| 2004 | Oxford | 22604 | A. Rowell (O) | 5436 | 2004 |
| 2005 | Oxford | 25136 | A. Rowell (O) | 5356 | 2005 |
| 2006 | Oxford | 23548 | S. Verjee (C) | 4488 | 2006 |
| 2007 | Cambridge | 25200 | N. Brooks (C) | 4580 | 2007 |
| 2008 | Cambridge | 23792 | N. Brooks (C) | 4708 | 2008 |
| 2009 | Cambridge | 23672 | N. Brooks (C) | 4816 | 2009 |
| 2010 | Cambridge | 24972 | L. Plant (C) | 5028 | 2010 |
| 2011 | Oxford | 24009 | C. Kane (O) | 4764 | 2011 |
| 2012 | Oxford | 22116 | H. Dillon (C) | 4388 | 2012 |
| 2013 | Cambridge | 24464 | H. Dillon (C) | 4676 | 2013 |
| 2014 | Cambridge | 24324 | K. Hickson (O) | 5120 | 2014 |
| 2015 | Oxford | 21716 | K. Hickson (O) | 4496 | 2015 |
| 2016 | Cambridge | 22856 | D. Chattenton (O) | 4472 | 2016 |
| 2017 | Oxford | 24512 | P. Baxter (O) | 4796 | 2017 |
| 2018 | Oxford | 22948 | R. Chrystie-Lowe (O) | 4524 | 2018 |
| 2019 | Cambridge | 24728 | D. Nagy (C) | 4864 | 2019 |
| 2020 | Cambridge | 20824 | A. Radford (C) | 4160 | 2020 |
| 2021 | Oxford | 21103 | A. Radford (C) | 4320 | 2021 |
| 2022 | Oxford | 22396 | K. Smith (O) | 4540 | 2022 |
| 2023 | Cambridge | 23228 | A. Basford (C) | 4816 | 2023 |

Varsity Match Status

After 66 Matches (Gentlemen) and 48 Matches (Ladies)

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|--|--------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Ladies' Team Competition : | Oxford | 18 victories | Cambridge | 30 victories |
| Ladies' Individual Competition : | Oxford | 19 victories | Cambridge | 29 victories |
| Gentlemen's Team Competition : | Oxford | 40 victories | Cambridge | 26 victories |
| Gentlemen's Individual Competition : | Oxford | 37 victories | Cambridge | 29 victories |
| Club Competition (from 2018 Diamond Anniversary) : | Oxford | 3 victories | Cambridge | 3 victories |

Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match Champions : Gentlemen

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------|-------|----------------------|------|------|
| 1958 | Cambridge | 8850 | Z. Mezei (C) | 4411 | 1958 |
| 1959 | Oxford | 7877 | F.C.B. Bland (O) | 2861 | 1959 |
| 1960 | Cambridge | 10963 | Z. Mezei (C) | 4076 | 1960 |
| 1961 | Oxford | 18205 | A.G. Gibson (O) | 3663 | 1961 |
| 1962 | Cambridge | 23785 | H. Lyall Grant (C) | 4529 | 1962 |
| 1963 | Cambridge | 18993 | D.M. Broom (C) | 4088 | 1963 |
| 1964 | Cambridge | 21892 | D.M. Broom (C) | 4375 | 1964 |
| 1965 | Cambridge | 16258 | J.W. Patterson (C) | 2956 | 1965 |
| 1966 | Cambridge | 20760 | G. Garforth-Bles (C) | 3770 | 1966 |
| 1967 | Cambridge | 21578 | B.W. Norris (C) | 4681 | 1967 |
| 1968 | Cambridge | 19848 | B.W Norris (C) | 4029 | 1968 |
| 1969 | Cambridge | 22163 | M.J. Hieatt (C) | 4549 | 1969 |
| 1970 | Oxford | 19430 | R. Champion (C) | 4195 | 1970 |
| 1971 | Oxford | 20926 | R. Champion (C) | 4712 | 1971 |
| 1972 | Cambridge | 17032 | R. Stoll (O) | 3799 | 1972 |
| 1973 | Cambridge | 17288 | R. M. Fleming (O) | 3562 | 1973 |
| 1974 | Oxford | 17819 | R. M. Fleming (O) | 4004 | 1974 |
| 1975 | Oxford | 14584 | R.M. Fleming (O) | 3634 | 1975 |
| 1976 | Oxford | 19848 | P. Wall (C) | 5099 | 1976 |
| 1977 | Oxford | 20917 | P. Wall (C) | 4415 | 1977 |
| 1978 | Cambridge | 22992 | P. Wall (C) | 4700 | 1978 |
| 1979 | Cambridge | 21092 | R. Peet (O) | 4255 | 1979 |
| 1980 | Cambridge | 20615 | D. Garforth-Bles (C) | 4538 | 1980 |
| 1981 | Oxford | 19857 | J. McCullough (C) | 4590 | 1981 |
| 1982 | Oxford | 18246 | E. Watson (O) | 3925 | 1982 |
| 1983 | Oxford | 20810 | W. Aldridge (C) | 4268 | 1983 |
| 1984 | Oxford | 20893 | E. Watson (O) | 4288 | 1984 |
| 1985 | Oxford | 19835 | E. Watson (O) | 4717 | 1985 |
| 1986 | Oxford | 22353 | A. Connolly (O) | 4490 | 1986 |
| 1987 | Cambridge | 23681 | T.C.A. Robbie (O) | 4863 | 1987 |
| 1988 | Oxford | 24395 | M. Hanson (C) | 4363 | 1988 |
| 1989 | Oxford | 23498 | C.J. Shaw-Smith (O) | 4271 | 1989 |
| 1990 | Oxford | 25670 | G.M. Campbell (C) | 4783 | 1990 |
| 1991 | Oxford | 24836 | N. Allhusen (C) | 4945 | 1991 |
| 1992 | Cambridge | 27632 | S.B.C Robbie (O) | 5128 | 1992 |
| 1993 | Cambridge | 27867 | K. Shindler (O) | 5360 | 1993 |
| 1994 | Cambridge | 28273 | K. Shindler (O) | 5240 | 1994 |
| 1995 | Cambridge | 23077 | J.B. Whetman (C) | 5012 | 1995 |
| 1996 | Cambridge | 28813 | J.L. Dixon (C) | 5287 | 1996 |
| 1997 | Oxford | 27243 | J. Miller (O) | 4935 | 1997 |
| 1998 | Oxford | 29057 | M. Barnes (O) | 5275 | 1998 |
| 1999 | Oxford | 28424 | T. Kennedy (O) | 5033 | 1999 |
| 2000 | Oxford | 27336 | A. Smale (C) | 5275 | 2000 |
| 2001 | Oxford | 28749 | B. Candy (O) | 5338 | 2001 |
| 2002 | Oxford | 28992 | P. Kelly (O) | 5336 | 2002 |
| 2003 | Oxford | 26220 | B. Candy (O) | 5488 | 2003 |
| 2004 | Oxford | 26020 | P. Kelly (O) | 5152 | 2004 |
| 2005 | Oxford | 24664 | O. Rees-Jones (O) | 4752 | 2005 |
| 2006 | Oxford | 26036 | O. Rees-Jones (O) | 5304 | 2006 |
| 2007 | Oxford | 24664 | O. Rees-Jones (O) | 4752 | 2007 |
| 2008 | Oxford | 27344 | R. Hildick-Smith (O) | 5564 | 2008 |
| 2009 | Oxford | 27264 | M. Brown (O) | 5124 | 2009 |
| 2010 | Oxford | 29800 | H. Pettit (O) | 5556 | 2010 |
| 2011 | Oxford | 29652 | T. Barber (C) | 5756 | 2011 |
| 2012 | Oxford | 30008 | H. Tabor (O) | 5492 | 2012 |
| 2013 | Oxford | 30228 | T. Lees (O) | 5556 | 2013 |
| 2014 | Cambridge | 29844 | T. Lees (O) | 5720 | 2014 |
| 2015 | Oxford | 28328 | P. Hodgson (C) | 5256 | 2015 |
| 2016 | Oxford | 29064 | H. Choong (C) | 5772 | 2016 |
| 2017 | Oxford | 25624 | H. Fleming (O) | 5264 | 2017 |
| 2018 | Cambridge | 27348 | T. Lees (O) | 5660 | 2018 |
| 2019 | Cambridge | 29634 | T. Lees (O) | 5824 | 2019 |
| 2020 | Oxford | 27003 | T. Lees (O) | 5568 | 2020 |
| 2021 | Oxford | 26100 | T. Lees (O) | 5660 | 2021 |
| 2022 | Cambridge | 25700 | R. Bruijn-Yard (C) | 5228 | 2022 |
| 2023 | Cambridge | 23940 | R. Bruijn-Yard (C) | 5204 | 2023 |

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The 67th Varsity Match 1958 ~ 2024

The Diamond Anniversary Trophy

In 2018, to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of the Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match, 1958 to 2018, our great friend and long-term supporter at EY, Chris Price, presented the two clubs with a new challenge cup to be competed for each year at the Varsity Match and to be known as the Diamond Anniversary Trophy (or, informally, the Chris Price Cup).

The winner of the Diamond Anniversary Trophy is the club which, across both Blues' and Seconds' matches and across both Ladies' and Gentlemen's competitions, amasses the highest total points score during the Varsity Match (i.e. across all four competing teams). So, it is a total club versus total club challenge cup and it is presented to the winning club's president.

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|------|-----------|-------|----------------|------------------|
| 2018 | Cambridge | 68168 | Club President | Kshitij Sabnis |
| 2019 | Cambridge | 73064 | Club President | Anna Gibbons |
| 2020 | Oxford | 45847 | Club President | Kathryn Smith |
| 2021 | Oxford | 47203 | Club President | Sophie Whitehead |
| 2022 | Oxford | 57456 | Club President | Kathryn Smith |
| 2023 | Cambridge | 65020 | Club President | Anniko Firman |



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