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Makes Record Time of 18
Minutes and 29 Seconds
Over Historic Putney-to-
Mortlake Course — Cam-
bridge Outclassed.

PUTNEY, England, April 1.—Weight, strength and experience conquered form and dash when Oxford University beat Cambridge in the sixty-eight inter-varsity boat race over the historic Putney-to-Marlake course of four and a quarter miles, in the record time of 18 minutes and 29 seconds, to-day.

Oxford had been the favorite throughout the training, and fulfilled the expectations of her followers. Cambridge was unable to get abreast of her rival at any stage of the contest, altho the Light Blues got away quicker and spurted gallantly several times.

At the start, the Cambridge Oxford crew led varied from two to three and a half lengths. At Harrods Oxford led by three-quarters of a length. At the advice of the umpire, the Cambridge crew increased to two lengths.

at Hammersmith Bridge, and a half-length ahead of the Cambridge crew. The Cambridge crew, however, were not alarmed. They passed Chiswick Church. Both crews were now pulling steadily, Oxford leading by a few feet. At the end of the race, the Cambridge boat length had been opened between the shells.

At the start of the second course the Cambridge stroke, R. W. M. Arbutnot, seemed at first, but the crew fought on, holding their own. The Cambridge crew won at the finish. The smoothness of the water contributed greatly to the fast time.

Last year Oxford, with a lead of three lengths, finished the race in 19 minutes and 50 seconds. This year the Cambridge crew won in 19 minutes and 50 seconds. As the Cambridge crew was leading by 30 lengths in 19 minutes and 50 seconds, a record was broken. The Cambridge crew, however, of the defeated crew is not taken.

The day was perfect and the course was perfect. The Cambridge crew won the victory. Cambridge having won thirty contests. In 1971 the race ended in a dead

The record-breaking performance was a complete surprise to all the prophets. Oxford's two rivals were expected to be the main factor. But her stroke was slower than that of Cambridge. In her first spurt Cambridge stroked 33 and Oxford 37. In the second spurt Cambridge stroked 34 and Oxford 37. In the third spurt Cambridge stroked 34 and Oxford 35. In the fourth spurt Cambridge stroked 34 and Oxford 33, and this was maintained much of the time. A novel feature of the occasion was that the two aviators, Cambridge's White and Oxford's Black, were seen to be two other aviators performing evolutions over the heads of the crowd.

The following table shows the winning crew, the official times of which at the various points on the course were as follows:

Start—2:26.
First mile—4 minutes.
Hammerhead Bridge—7 min. 11 sec.
Clawhook Church—11 min. 19 sec.
Oxford Bridge—15 min. 24 sec.
Elphinstone—18 min. 29 sec.

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1874 was a dead seal. Cambridge won in 1875, 1876 and 1877. Oxford repeated in 1900, but in 1901, after a terribly hard race Oxford again won. In 1902, 1903 and 1904 Cambridge won easily. In 1905, 1906 and 1907 Oxford won three lengths, but in 1906, 1907 and 1908 Cambridge again won. In 1909 and 1910 Cambridge won by a comfortable margin. In 1911 Oxford won by a narrow margin. In 1912 Cambridge won by a wide margin. The fastest time on record for the race is 1847, made by Oxford in 1933 and Cambridge in 1960.

A New One for the Championships.

An unassuming young man walked into Secretary Crow's office yesterday and announced that he had come to finish his training at the Cambridge and Oxford Championships. He turned out to be W. Thompson of Milwaukee, but Secretary Crow said he did not look a bit like "one of the men who had been in the championships."

famous." Thomson, besides being a boxer, can hold his own in an athletic contest. He was third to Goulding in the walking event at the championships here at Ottawa couple of years ago, and was also at one time captain of the M. A. A. track team. He fights in the 145-lb. class, and should give a good account of himself.