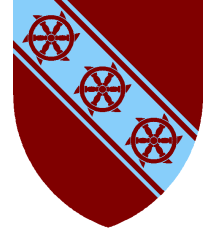




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In this issue . . .

The sharp-eyed may have spotted that, following the AGM, the Rowing Society now has a new President and our first female Vice-President. Both Blues, GB internationals and Olympic silver medallists, in case you're wondering where the bar stands nowadays.

The weather for the opening day of Torpids was remarkable: like one of the better days of Summer Eights, and in complete contrast to last year's big freeze. Indeed, apart from a couple of icy days, and a couple of high stream days from the subsequent thaw, there have been few obstacles in the way of training. In this issue we have the results, photos and Captains' reports on the term's rowing.

On the other hand, those of you who occasionally venture outdoors, may have noticed that, since Torpids, it's got rather windy. This caused the cancellation of the Women's Eights Head, which should have taken place today (scuppering Catz first participation in living — well, internet — memory), and also depriving armchair Boat Race analysts of a useful form guide. Nevertheless, I'll do my best. The Blue Boats have been announced and it seems that Catz will have its first male Blue since, well, our new President (2009).

Results

Isis Winter League D, 3rd February

66 crews raced

| | | | |
|-------|--------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1st | 4:17.0 | Wolfson MB | 1st/34 M8 |
| =15th | 4:52.0 | St Catz C (M2) | =15th/34 M8 |
| =15th | 4:52.0 | St Catz B (M2) | =15th/34 M8 |
| 27th | 5:10.0 | L.M.H. WA | 1st/22 W8 |
| 33rd | 5:17.5 | St Catz A (W1) | 4th/22 W8 |
| 52nd | 5:46.0 | St Catz B (W2) | 15th/22 W8 |

Henley Fours & Eights Head, 16th February

Open 8, Band 3 (12 entries)

1st 10:40.7 **St Catherine's**

Women's 4+, Band 3 (6 entries)

1st 13:36.3 **St Catherine's**

Rowing On, 22nd February

Men's crews, 14 from 28 to qualify

1st 2:50.0 Wolfson IV

25th 3:31.4 **St Catherine's III**

Women's crews, 14 from 22 to qualify

1st 3:18.5 University II

4th 3:27.5 **St Catherine's II**



A tense moment as the women's 1st VIII prepare to start their Torpids campaign. Need they have worried . . . ?

Torpids, 27 Feb – 2 March

Wed Thu Fri Sat Finish

| | | | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|----|------------|
| Men's I | = | +1 | = | = | 4th Div I |
| Women's I | +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 | 9th Div II |
| Men's II | +2 | = | +1 | -1 | 4th Div IV |
| Women's II | -2 | -1 | +1 | +1 | 6th Div V |

Bumps Charts

| MEN | | WED THU FRI SAT | WOMEN | | WED THU FRI SAT |
|-----|--|-----------------|-------|---|-----------------|
| I | ORIEL PEMBROKE WADHAM CHRIST CHURCH ST CATHERINE'S WOLFSON HERTFORD BALLIOL JESUS MAGDALEN S.E.H. TRINITY | | I | ORIEL WADHAM PEMBROKE CHRIST CHURCH KEBLE HERTFORD WOLFSON ST JOHN'S MAGDALEN NEW COLLEGE UNIVERSITY GREEN TEMPLETON | |
| II | ST JOHN'S PEMBROKE II NEW COLLEGE UNIVERSITY KEBLE EXETER MANSFIELD L.M.H. LINCOLN MERTON CORPUS CHRISTI WORCESTER | | II | JESUS LINCOLN BALLIOL ST ANNE'S S.E.H. L.M.H. TRINITY SOMERVILLE WOLFSON II LINACRE BRASENOSE MANSFIELD | |
| III | ST ANNE'S SOMERVILLE QUEEN'S BRASENOSE ST HUGH'S LINACRE WADHAM II WOLFSON II ST ANTONY'S JESUS II GREEN TEMPLETON ST PETER'S | | III | ST CATHERINE'S WORCESTER EXETER ST HUGH'S ST HILDA'S MERTON WADHAM II QUEEN'S ST PETER'S ORIEL II ST ANTONY'S CORPUS CHRISTI | |
| IV | KEBLE II CHRIST CHURCH II ORIEL II BALLIOL II NEW COLLEGE II ST CATHERINE'S II TRINITY II S.E.H. II WADHAM III ST HILDA'S HERTFORD II BRASENOSE II | | IV | PEMBROKE II ST JOHN'S II SOMERVILLE II REGENT'S PARK BALLIOL II NEW COLLEGE II LINCOLN II JESUS II WOLFSON III WORCESTER II HERTFORD II MANSFIELD II | |
| V | UNIVERSITY II LINCOLN II REGENT'S PARK ST JOHN'S II WOLFSON III MERTON II MAGDALEN II L.M.H. II EXETER II CORPUS CHRISTI II ST ANTONY'S II ST HILDA'S II | | V | CHRIST CHURCH II ST HUGH'S II CORPUS CHRISTI II GREEN TEMPLETON II ST CATHERINE'S II KEBLE II UNIVERSITY II ST PETER'S II NEW COLLEGE III L.M.H. II ST BENET'S HALL EXETER II UNIVERSITY III | |
| VI | ST HUGH'S II ST BENET'S HALL S.E.H. III PEMBROKE III GREEN TEMPLETON II WOLFSON IV LINCOLN III LINACRE II WOLFSON V ST ANNE'S II QUEEN'S II BRASENOSE III CORPUS CHRISTI III | | | | |

2019 St Catherine's Torpids

Men's 1st Torpid

- B James Duckitt
- 2 Mike Thramann
- 3 Kit George
- 4 Jamie Woodford
- 5 Shane McCarthy
- 6 Oliver Berry
- 7 Alex Herkert
- S Niels Wicke
- C Jakob Kaeppler

Women's 1st Torpid

- B Rachel Ibbetson
- 2 Annie Schnitzer
- 3 Orraith Breen
- 4 Holly Smith
- 5 Hannah Morrisey
- 6 Chloe Bregazzi
- 7 Rachel Craig-McFeely
- S Clare Leckie
- C Meirian Evans

Men's 2nd Torpid

- B Simran Krishna-Rogers
- 2 Rob Kilgour
- 3 Joe Grey
- 4 George Newton
- 5 Bryce Starr
- 6 Brendan Meehan¹
- 7 Nantas Nardelli
- S Ollie Pizura
- C Niels Wicke

Women's 2nd Torpid

- B Amelia Brunton
- 2 Eleanor Ferris²
- 3 Lucy Jackson
- 4 Meirian Evans
- 5 Abby Hespe
- 6 Ilayda Karadag
- 7 Michaela Bunakova³
- S Helen Goppelt
- C Clare Leckie

Men's 3rd Torpid

- B Richard Sun
- 2 Zachary Lim
- 3 Giuliano Natali
- 4 Erik Kasprzyk
- 5 Matthew Emmett
- 6 Christoph Ko
- 7 Jakob Kaeppler
- S Matias Vermehren
- C Wolfgang Stockinger

Substitutes

- ¹ Erik Kasprzyk (Sat)
- ² Kan Li (Fri,Sat)
- ³ Leah Tillmann-Morris(Wed)



The Women's 2nd Torpid



The Men's 2nd Torpid chasing down Keble II on the Friday

Men's Boat Club

Alex Herkert, Men's Co-Captain

The men's side of SCCBC had a successful Hilary term building upon the success we had, especially with our novices, in Michaelmas. Our M1 and M2 boats both got chances to race down the Isis at multiple IWLs, and furthermore we took our M1 to Henley Fours and Eights, where we finished second to only Wadham of the Oxford college crews over the 3 kilometre course.

At Torpids, M1 finished plus one, bumping Christ Church to emerge 4th on the river (up from 5th) after 4 days of racing — this is the joint highest St Catherine's has been. M2 had a successful first three days, but after an unfortunate equipment incident on the final day of racing they finished only plus two, and now sit 4th in Division IV.



The Men's 1st Torpid

We are excited to keep building upon this success for next term, and will be training as a full squad for a week in Monate, Italy before Trinity term begins.

Women's Boat Club

Clare Leckie, Women's Co-Captain

The highlight of this term was perhaps unsurprisingly Torpids week. As many will already know, our women's squad had a very successful campaign with W2 fighting back in the latter half of the week to finish just -1 after a bit of a rough start and W1 putting on a very dominant performance to earn blades.

With Torpids looming, there was less emphasis on external regattas this term than in Michaelmas. That said, we sent a coxed four to Henley Fours and Eights Head, winning our band and crossing the line as the fifth fastest women's four overall. In the weeks since Torpids, W1 were busy preparing to race in the Women's Eights Head of the River Race on the Saturday of 9th week, but due to a particularly nasty weather forecast the event was sadly (though understandably) cancelled.

Going forward we have a lot to be excited about. There will be 11 women with differing degrees of experience travelling to our training

camp in Italy in –1st week of Trinity. We’re also expecting to have two very strong crews come Summer Eights, with a W3 entry looking like a very real possibility at this stage.

As always, much credit to our coach Rowan Nicholls and strength and conditioning extraordinaire Alex Bowmer!

University Crews

The Blue Boats were officially announced last Thursday and the OUBC crew includes Catz’ soon-to-be most famous Belgian, Augustin Wambersie, probably in the stroke seat. However, the headline news was the Cambridge selection of the 46-year old James Cracknell, long-time crewmate of Matt Pinsent and more recently a regular part of the Boat Race commentary team. Matt will be umpiring the Isis-Goldie race this year, so it could be a bit awkward if Cracknell gets demoted.

Cambridge comfortably won the Henley Fours and Eights Head, with Leander only just taking second place ahead of Goldie. Arguably, it’s Oxford Brookes who set the standard these days, but unfortunately both their private fixtures against Oxford and Cambridge were victims of the recent strong winds. Oxford have yet to race as an VIII, but it seems they may have rescheduled their fixture against Brookes for tomorrow and next weekend they’re due to take on Leander.

The Cambridge Women are undoubtedly strong but looking more vulnerable than in recent years: at the end of January they again won Quintin Head, but only by 6 seconds (over 13 minutes) from UL; and in subsequent private matches they lost to a strong Dutch Nereus crew and had to work hard to beat Oxford Brookes. OUWBC have only been in action once, against Imperial, whom they beat convincingly. But IC were some 24 seconds slower than Cambridge in the Quintin Head, so it would be a worry if they hadn’t.

Not much news from the women’s lightweights. Cambridge were the second fastest women’s VIII at the Henley Fours & Eights head, some way behind Leander but almost a minute (over 13 min)

ahead of any Oxford women’s college crews and a comparable speed to Linacre’s men.

Unusually, both the men’s lightweight crews met at Quintin Head, Oxford emerging 21 s faster, maintaining the superiority evident in last term’s Fours Head. That was a while ago now, but Oxford must be clear favourites for their first Tideway Boat Race next Saturday.

The women’s lightweights race the following Saturday, as the finale of the Henley Boat Races (Wadham are representing Oxford in both the men’s and women’s intercollegiate races this year), and the weekend after that it’s back to the Tideway for the four heavyweight Boat Races.

Coming Up ...

In the next issue we’ll have reports on the Boat Races, hopefully some nice ‘wish you were here’ style photos of Catz rowers on Italian lakes, and prospects for Eights.

Diary

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| 23 March 2019 | Men’s Lwt Boat Race |
| 30 March 2019 | Henley Boat Races |
| 7 April 2019 | Tideway Boat Races |
| 15 – 20 April 2019 | Easter Training Camp |
| 28 April 2019 | City Bumps |
| 29 May – 1 June 2019 | Summer Eights |

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... No, apparently not. No worries at all.