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(4). TITLE.:- CROSS COUNTRY RACE.

Picture. :- The "Light Blues" appear fit enough to win for the fifth successive year, --

--but Oxford look as though they'll make it - well, not too easy for them !

Are you ready ? Go ! A dozen picked runners, six from each Varsity, tackle the treacherous $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles course.

They're all wise men. They take it easy in the earlier stages, without making a spectacular dash, which would only --

--result in their best wind not being there just when it was --

--most wanted; later in the race. Benson of Cambridge leads most of the way. Towards the finish --

--he puts on a beautiful spurt and with 80 yards in hand, he rolls in first,; but not --

--to win ! For despite the fact that the second man is also a Light Blue, the next four were Oxford men. This means that the Dark Blues have it - on points ! Benson is rather badly distressed. He put in an excellent performance --

--and it's jolly hard luck that the race goes to the rival team !