

OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE

BOAT RACE.

"BATTLE OF THE BLUES".

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The Boat Race is watched by the smallest crowd I have seen at this event. It's

either too cold, or too uninteresting, or both ! Anyway, the rival crews are off ! Why not revive the interest by getting the crews to wear top hats again ? Somebody could then make a book on which hat would blow off which head first ! There's a topping

wind for a sport like that this morning too. Oh ! Sorry ! The race ! Oxford is leading

at Hammersmith Bridge, but the Cambridge cox soon notices it and mentions it to his crew. So at Barnes Bridge Cambridge is about four lengths in front. Oxford is going along nicely but of course four lengths behind. They're rowing beautifully but not fast enough. As a matter of fact Oxford has one

of the best crews she has had for years, but it so happens that Cambridge has arranged it that way too. Anyway the story of the race is - Oxford won the toss. Went ahead for the first two miles. Cambridge passed them just before Chiswick Steps. At Duke's Meadow Cambridge was two lengths ahead. At Barnes Bridge four length. Passing Mortlake Brewery Oxford gamely kept the gap constant, but Cambridge passed the post five lengths in hand. Time twenty-one minutes

six seconds. The slowest race for ten years.