

This was the one-hundredth Varsity Boat Race. Up to this day Oxford had won ~~fifty~~ ~~times~~ ~~and~~ ~~lost~~ ~~four~~ ~~times~~ ~~and~~ ~~lost~~ ~~two~~ ~~times~~ forty-four times, Cambridge fifty four with one dead heat. And despite the cold and windy weather there were big crowds out alongside the Thames as usual. ~~Cambridge won~~ <sup>CAMBRIDGE LOST</sup> the toss and <sup>OXFORD</sup> chose the Surrey side of the river to get the shelter for the first part of the race. It's Oxford nearer the camera.

Both crews went off at a fast rate and in the first few strokes the Dark Blues ~~was~~ pulled slightly ahead. Our camera in the following launch shows how in the early stages it was almost neck and neck.

X Here's Oxford, coming up to Hammersmith Bridge,..... rowing strongly and holding on to their slight lead. And here's Cambridge.

The Dark Blues ~~reached~~ Hammersmith Bridge in seven minutes thirteen seconds --- one second ahead of Cambridge.

But now --- in the reach after Hammersmith and passing Chiswick they caught the full force of the weather. It was here that Oxford showed their calibre, settling down to strong and steady rowing. But the water was so choppy ~~even~~ the swans packed it up.

Coming up to Barnes Bridge there was only one crew in it --- and that was Oxford. They were lengths ahead of their rivals and going with plenty in reserve.

The finishing post lies just ahead. Last year it was a win for Cambridge --- but this time Oxford are going on to win by four and a half lengths. ^

Victory No. 45 for the Dark Blues; in twenty minutes, twenty-three seconds.