



The 39th Ladies' University Cross-Country Race
Saturday 6th December 2014

Declaration of the Race Result

The following report formally sets out the outcome of the 39th Ladies' University Race, hosted by Thames Hare and Hounds on Wimbledon Common on Saturday 6th December 2014.

Sophia Saller (St. Catherine's, Oxford) had led the race from an early stage and was on course to take the individual victory. When the group of runners behind her, which included Kate Niehaus (Trinity, Oxford) and all seven members of the Cambridge team, reached the 2.9 mile point in the race (the crossing of the ditch following the descent down from the Alps), they followed the gentlemen's course, which crosses the ladies' course at this point. On reaching Stag Ride, the group turned left and followed it until the Memorial Playing Fields were reached and the correct course picked up to the finish. This detour represents a small shortcut, but critically much easier terrain as the hardest part of the course (The Butts) is missed out. As a consequence six of the eight runners reached the finish ahead of Sophia Saller.

Simon Molden (Thames Hare and Hounds) witnessed the race with all runners on course just before the Windmill at 2.3 miles. His view was that:

1. By this point Sophia Saller was clearly leading and would have won the race had it reached its natural conclusion
2. Kate Niehaus was second at this point with the whole Cambridge team packed closely behind her. The Oxford team was adrift of the Cambridge runners and spread out over a much wider margin. Therefore, had the race reached its natural conclusion, Cambridge would have decisively won the team contest.

Following this, runners all passed Richard Weston (Thames Hare and Hounds) who was stationed in the woods just after the Windmill. The course was lost about 400 yards after this point.

Following a discussion between John Bryant (President, Thames Hare and Hounds and Match Referee), Simon Molden (Honorary Secretary, Thames Hare and Hounds and Clerk of the Course), Dorothea Cockerell (Club Captain, Thames Hare and Hounds), Larry Mathews (Thames Hare and Hounds), Katy Hedgethorpe (Ladies' Captain, Cambridge University Hare and Hounds) and Suzana Markolovic (Ladies' Captain, Oxford University Cross-Country Club), the following was agreed:

1. That Thames Hare and Hounds takes full responsibility for the runners having lost the course
2. That Sophia Saller should be awarded the individual victory in the race
3. That Cambridge should be awarded the team victory with no score declared.

Thames Hare and Hounds would like to pass their sincere apologies on to Oxford and Cambridge for unclear course marking and the lack of a pioneer at a critical point and their gratitude to the two captains for their co-operation and helpfulness in reaching the verdict set out above.

John Bryant, President, Thames Hare and Hounds
Simon Molden, Honorary Secretary, Thames Hare and Hounds
Dorothea Cockerell, Captain, Thames Hare and Hounds
Larry Mathews, Thames Hare and Hounds
Matthew Bryant, Thames Hare and Hounds

7th December 2014



39th Ladies' University Cross-Country Race

Oxford University Cross-Country Club vs Cambridge University Hare & Hounds

Date: 06 December 2014
Distance: 4 miles
Time: 2.00 p.m.
Conditions: Weather: cold, dry; Underfoot: heavy

ORDER AT RACE FINISH

Pos.	Name	College	University	Time	Oxford	Cambridge
1.	Elizabeth Mooney	Newnham	Cambridge	23.18*		1
2.	Emily Shearer	Gonville and Caius	Cambridge	23.21*		2
3.	Kate Niehaus	Trinity	Oxford	23.24*	3	
4.	Katherine Turner	Magdalene	Cambridge	23.27*		4
5.	Alison Greggor	King's	Cambridge	23.29*		5
6.	Katy Hedgethorpe	Murray Edwards	Cambridge	23.31*		6
7.	Sophia Saller**	St. Catherine's	Oxford	23.36	7	
8.	Tasneem Pope	Trinity Hall	Cambridge	23.47*		8
9.	Sarah Lovewell	Trinity	Cambridge	24.23*		9
10.	Katie Hickson	St. Hilda's	Oxford	26.01	10	
11.	Nora Petty	Mansfield	Oxford	26.20	11	
12.	Emma Hodson	Merton	Oxford	26.30	12	
13.	Sarah McCuaig	St. Hilda's	Oxford	27.16		
14.	Rose Penfold***	Green Templeton	Oxford	DNF**		

(Result (scoring 5-a-side): 43 points 18 points)

**NO SCORE DECLARED
CAMBRIDGE WIN**

- * These runners lost the course at 2.9 miles and ran a shorter route home
** Sophia Saller was awarded the individual victory
*** Rose Penfold lost the course at 2.9 miles