

**76<sup>th</sup> CAMBRIDGE v. OXFORD**  
St. Paul's, Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Cambridge**

**Oxford**

*Singles*

A Beverly (St. Paul's & Girton)	v. JR Pendergrass (Loretto & Balliol)	16-14
CG Brooks [Captain] (St. Paul's & Caius)	v. WR Hardyment [Captain] (Radley & St. Hugh's)	15-6
S Beal (Eastbourne, Durham & Homerton)	v. EO Ronan (Bradfield & St. Hugh's)	7-15
MO Belassie (Christ's Hospital & Caius)	v. JC Furniss (St. Paul's & Pembroke)	7-15
		<b>45-50</b>

*Doubles*

Beverly & Brooks	v. Pendergrass & Furness	15-8 15-1
	v. Hardyment & Ronan	15-6 15-1
Beal & Belassie	v. Hardyment & Ronan	10-15 7-15
	v. Pendergrass & Furness	3-15 3-15
RS Lebon (Christ's Hospital & Trinity) & CP Jones (Tonbridge & Emanuel)	v. J Heath (Hon. Sec) (Radley & Exeter) & CM Powrie (Whitgift & Hertford)	10-15 15-4
	v. TR Windham (Radley & BNC) & AE Jennings (St. Paul's & Corpus)	9-15 15-10
A Bhuva [Hon. Sec.] (St. Paul's & St. John's) & J Abecassis (Clifton & St. John's)	v. Windham & Jennings	6-15 6-15
	v. Heath & Powrie	15-9 15-6
		<b>174-165</b>

**Cambridge won by 219-215**

Cambridge now boasts 50 wins against 26 by Oxford.

**In the Sparrows versus Beavers match Oxford won by 81-47.** Representing Cambridge were: MT Hanney (St. Paul's & Jesus), and PM Driscoll (Whitgift & Christ's) and for Oxford ES Wilman (Giggleswick & Hertford) and R Holl (Winchester & Worcester).

**2006:** This must go down as one of the most memorable matches ever. The result was the closest since 1928. Victory for either side hinged on the last two games of doubles where Oxford needed to come out by six points. Pendergrass and Furness duly beat the Cambridge second pair to 3, only to find that next door Charlie Brooks and Alan Beverly had beaten the Oxford second pair to 1. By this time it was nearly 8.30, the Cambridge 1st IV having been held up for several hours by an accident on the M11. The bottom half of the match had been completed before the Singles were eventually played at 5.30, followed by the top doubles. There was never more than 5 points in it, with Cambridge 2 up after the bottom doubles, 3 down after the singles, 5 up half-way through the top doubles, and winning by 4 points at the end. Had James Bristow been fit to play and had the match been played in its appointed order starting with singles at 12 o'clock, who knows what might have happened?

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