

83rd CAMBRIDGE v. OXFORD
St. Paul's School, Saturday, February 26th 2013

Cambridge	Oxford	
<i>Singles</i>		
EI Kay [Captain] (St. Paul's & Emmanuel)	v. HKE Jefferies [Hon. Sec.] (St. Paul's & Oriel)	15-4
JB Brubert (Alley's & Queens')	v. FR Thomas (St. Paul's & BNC)	15-6
JK Malde [Hon. Sec.] (St Paul's & Clare)	v. GWJ Barnes [Captain] (St. Paul's & LMH)	14-16
JN Lane (Winchester & St. Catharine's)	v. CLY Waller (Clifton & New)	15-13
		59-39
<i>Doubles</i>		
Kay & Brubert	v. Thomas & Waller	15-6 15-12
	v. Jefferies & Barnes	15-5 15-1
Malde & Lane	v. Jefferies & Barnes	0-15 10-15
	v. Thomas & Waller	10-15 15-9
TJG Chase (St. Paul's & Churchill) & WJ Sloper (St. Paul's & Girton)	v. CDH McKelvie (St. Paul's & Trinity) & AD Esin (St. Paul's & Pembroke)	16-14 15-8
	v. H Wilman & Whitney	15-1 15-2
PRH Judge (Merchant Taylors' & Robinson) and JS Ader (St. Paul's & Pembroke)	v. HR Wilman (Giggleswick & Hertford) & NA Whitney (Tonbridge & Magdalen)	15-1 15-3
	v. McKelvie & Esin	9-15 11-15 206-137

Cambridge won by 265-176

Cambridge now counts 53 wins against 30 by Oxford.

In the Sparrows versus Beavers match Cambridge won by 131-96.

Singles: RM Mathias (Christ's Hospital & Fitzwilliam) [*Captain*] bt. AJW Mullan (Clifton & Balliol) [*Captain*] 15-1; MA Chipping (Tonbridge & Queens') bt. OA Even (St. Paul's & New) 15-5; WCK Lau (Tonbridge & Trinity) lost to EM Birkett (Charterhouse & Trinity) 4-15; BSI Quarry (St. Paul's & Selwyn) bt. S Glynne-Jones (St. Paul's & St. Anne's) 15-1 [=49-22]
Doubles: Mathias & Chipping bt. Mullan & Even 15-5, 15-6; bt. Birkett & Glynne-Jones 15-2, 15-1. Lau & Quarry lost to Birkett & Glynne-Jones 11-15, 11-15; lost to Mullan & Even 0-15, 0-15 [=82-74]

Umpire's Report on the 83rd Varsity Match:

Sadly our long-standing and highly respected umpire, David Barnes, was indisposed, so his role was taken by the President of the 'home side', Cambridge. In a match conducted by all concerned with the customary good spirit there was little more for him to do than take down scores delivered with alacrity and hand out the jelly babies and trophies at the end. Oxford, attired in their Neptune-sponsored 'stash', took the award for sartorial elegance; Cambridge took the Jock Burnet trophy and the 'Fist of Iron'. It was Cambridge's first hat-trick in the Varsity Match for twenty years. For the Sparrows it was the first time they had retained the 'Fist of Iron' since its inception a decade ago.

In the main match Cambridge had too much fire-power at the top, with Ed Kay and Jacob Brubert winning every one of their games with room to spare, while in the bottom half Chase, Sloper, Judge and Ader had more than enough experience to overwhelm their opponents.

In a topsy-turvy contest between the Sparrows and the Beavers Mathias and Chipping were also rather too match-hardened for their opponents, but Oxford's left-handed Eton Fives player Birkett caught the eye.

Both captains are to be congratulated on raising twelve players each to make the day's contest an engaging spectacle for the large number of parents and supporters. Our thanks go to the latter for creating a lively atmosphere in the gallery. The players' thanks go to Pol Roger for sponsoring the event with a dozen bottles of champagne, which Ed Kay had much pleasure in distributing – for the most part – to his victorious team.

RL Dolby