THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA BOAT CLUB

SIXTIETH ANNUAL

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES' BOAT RACE

Oxford and Cambridge Cup

and

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES' CHAMPIONSHIP SCULLS

SWAN RIVER, PERTH

Saturday, June 5th, 1954

Souvenir Programme . . . One Shilling

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
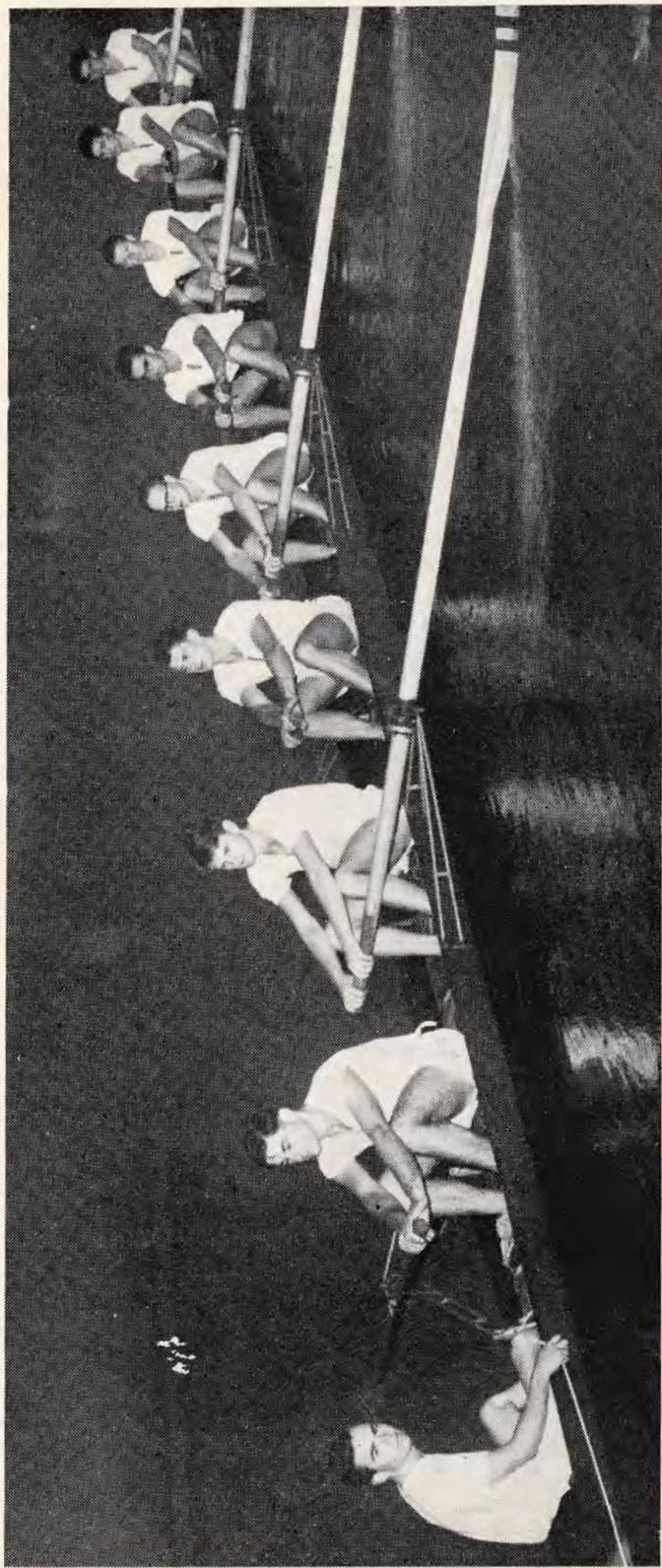
(Cox) R. Walters, 7st. 9lb.; (Str.) R. H. Kernot, 12st. 10lb.; (7) M. Carrigg, 12st. 5lb.; (6) R. A. Pearse, 13st. 3lb.; (5) B. Purser, 12st. 0lb.; (4) T. Davies, 12st. 10lb.; (3) B. Ninham, 11st. 3lb.; (2) J. Collis-Bird, 12st. 5lb.; (Bow) J. Hanrahan, 11st. 2lb.

Emergencies: W. Halliday, 11st. 4lb.; P. Stallwood, 11st 2lb.

Coach: Dr. G. Barratt Hill.

History of Race

The Inter-Varsity Boat Race is one of the oldest-established races in Australia, and is certainly one of the largest of its kind in the world.

The first Inter-Varsity race was rowed on December 20, 1870, between fours representing Sydney and Melbourne over a three-and-a-half-mile course on the Yarra. There is record of a boat race between representatives of the States of Victoria and New South Wales, contested on the Parramatta River in 1863, but there does not seem to have been any other race of an inter-State or international character prior to the Inter-Varsity race of 1870. This race was won by Melbourne in 31 minutes 4 seconds.

In the next year a Melbourne four again defeated Sydney, this time on the Parramatta course.

START OF THE EIGHTS

The race was then abandoned until 1888, when eights representing Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide Universities met on the Victorian Hambourg Reach course. Melbourne was first, with Adelaide second and Sydney third.

Sydney, stroked by W. A. Conlon, recorded its first win in 1890 when it won from Melbourne on the Yarra River course. Adelaide, stroked by W. H. Gosse, won for the first time in 1896 when it defeated Sydney and Melbourne on the Yarra River course. The race has been rowed every year since 1888, except during the war years, 1915-1918 and 1941-1945.

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE CUP

In 1896 a most appropriate trophy was provided for the race, when Oxford and Cambridge "Blues" presented a cup as a perpetual trophy for the race. The historic value of such a trophy makes it unique in Inter-Varsity, if not Australian contests.

QUEENSLAND

Until 1920, only Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide contested the race, but in this year Queensland sent to Melbourne a crew which finished third. In 1921, they came second, and won in 1922 and 1923. E. B. Freeman stroked both winning crews.

TASMANIA

In 1924, Tasmania entered a crew, and in 1925 won the race from Sydney at Brisbane. R. A. Scott stroked the winning crew.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

In 1927 Western Australia competed for the first time, when a crew stroked by F. A. Williams won on the Nepean River course in New South Wales. This was the first occasion on which a crew had won at its first start since the original race in 1870, and it was also the first occasion on which all six Australian Universities were represented in the race. In 1928, Western Australia again won, this time on the Murray River at Mannum, South Australia.

SYDNEY

(Bow) B. Sundstrup, 1st. 4lb.; (2) A. Davis, 12st. 5lb.; (3) B. Shepherd, 13st. 9lb.; (4) D. Wilson, 12st. 9lb.; (5) C. Lees, 13st. 5lb.; (6) J. Warden, 12st. 11lb.; (7) D. Johnson, 12st. 13lb.; (Str.) J. Kennaway, 11st. 12lb.; (Cox) S. Wilcox, 8st. 7lb.

Emergency: K. Ostinga, 12st. 13lb.

Coach: F. Nicholls, Esq.

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Swan River, Perth, 2 Miles

Starter:	Umpire:	Jud
G. METTAM, Esq.	F. W. HUMPHREYS, Esq.	H. V. REI

President W.A.U.B.C.:	Captain W.
Dr. G. BARRATT–HILL	E. N. M

SCUL

SYDNEY	MELBOURNE
Station No. 1	Station No. 2
Colours, White with Blue and Gold Facings	Colours, White with Blue and Black Facings

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
B. ADAMS	11	4	H. F. SMITH	12	8

EIGHT–OA

		st.	lb.			st.	lb.
Str.	J. KENNAWAY	11	12	Str.	C. J. SMITH	12	2
7	D. JOHNSON	12	13	7	A. C. MONGER	13	4
6	J. WARDEN	12	11	6	J. N. JOHNS	12	10
5	C. LEES	13	5	5	J. A. HUNT	13	7
4	D. WILSON	12	9	4	W. SOMERVILLE	13	2
3	B. SHEPHERD	13	9	3	J. R. COLVILLE	12	7
2	A. DAVIS	12	5	2	I. E. DOUGLAS	12	5
Bow	B. SUNDSTRUP	11	4	Bow	M. D. G. MURRAY	12	7
Cox	S. WILCOX	8	7	Cox	R. G. HYETT	10	2
Emergency:				Emergency:			
	K. OSTINGA	12	13		H. F. SMITH	12	8

Coach:
    F. NICHOLLS, Esq.

Coach:
    D. R. SALMON, Esq.

STATIONS ARE NUMBERED

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AMBRIDGE CUP

SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP

AMME . .

11a.m. Saturday, June 5th, 1954

Assistant Judge:
J. H. REYNOLDS, Esq.

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R. T. GARD, Esq.

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Hon. Secretary W.A.U.B.C.:
C. N. CUTHBERT

LING

WESTERN AUSTRALIA		ADELAIDE	
Station No. 3		Station No. 4	
Colours: Green with Blue and Gold Facings		Colours, White with Black Facings	
	st. lb.		
E. M. MASLEN	11 2	Not Represented	

R CREWS

		st.	lb.				st.	lb.
Str.	R. H. KERNOT	12	10	Str.	J. S. JOSE	12	12
7	M. CARRIGG	12	5	7	P. J. S. BURNS	12	0
6	R. A. PEARSE	13	3	6	M. S. T. HOBBS	12	4
5	B. PURSER	12	0	5	J. Y HANCOCK	12	12
4	T. DAVIES	12	10	4	J. F. M. LEA	12	2
3	B. NINHAM	11	3	3	G. S. ADAMS	12	10
2	J. COLLIS-BIRD ..	12	5	2	P. L. NASH	10	12
Bow	J. HANRAHAN	11	2	Bow	C. J. COOPER	10	11
Cox	R. WALTERS	7	9	Cox	R. L. HODGE	9	7
Emergencies:				Emergency:			
	W. HALLIDAY	11	4		G. C. MORLET	11	10
	P. STALLWOOD ..	11	2				
Coach:				Coach:			
	Dr. G. BARRATT HILL				J. G. GOSSE, Esq.		

FROM KING'S PARK BANK

MELBOURNE
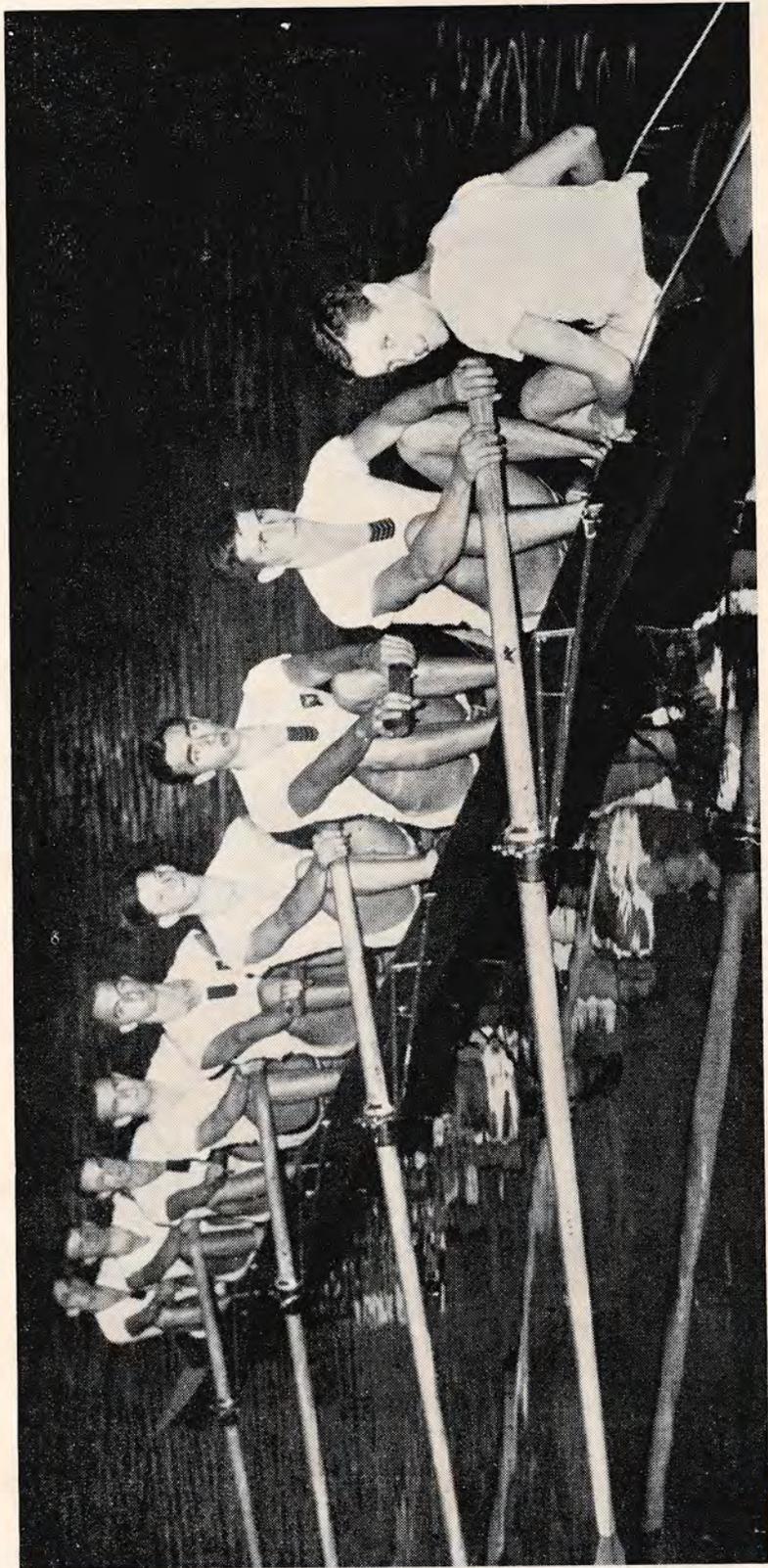
(Bow) M. D. G. Murray, 12st. 7lb.; (2) I. E. Douglas, 12st. 5lb.; (3) J. R. Colville, 12st. 7lb.; (4) W. M. Somerville, 13st. 2lb.; (5) J. A. Hunt, 13st. 7lb.; (6) J. N. Johns, 12st. 10lb.; (7) A. C. Monger, 13st. 4lb.; (Str.) C. J. Smith, 12st. 2lb.; (Cox) R. G. Hyett, 10st. 2lb.

Coach: D. R. Salmon, Esq.   Emergency: H. F. Smith, 12st. 8lb.

TABLE OF RESULTS

INTER–VARSITY EIGHTS AND FOURS

Year	Course	Winner	Time	Remarks
1870	Yarra, Vic.	Melbourne ..	31.4	Four oar
1871	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Melbourne ..	27.25	Four oar
1888	Yarra, Vic.	Melbourne ..	13.5	4 lengths (2½ miles)
1889	Port Adelaide, S.A. ..	Adelaide ..	16.8½	3 lengths (2½ miles against wind and tide)
1890	Yarra, Vic.	Sydney . ..	13.48¼	5 lengths (2½ miles)
1891	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Sydney . ..	17.21	4 lengths
1892	Port Adelaide, S.A. ..	Melbourne ..	17.21	6 feet
1893	Yarra, Vic.	Melbourne ..	16.5	2½ lengths
1894	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Sydney . ..	17.0	10 lengths
1895	Port Adelaide, S.A. ..	Sydney . ..	15.45	6 lengths
1896	Yarra, Vic.	Adelaide ..	20.41	6 lengths (strong head wind)
1897	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Sydney . ..	18.8	4 lengths
1898	Port Adelaide, S.A. ..	Sydney . ..	18.6¾	6 lengths
1899	Yarra, Vic.	Melbourne ..	23.2½	5 lengths (strong head wind)
1900	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Sydney . ..	17.1	54 seconds
1901	Yarra, Vic.	Sydney . ..	16.48	½ length
1902	Port Adelaide, S.A. ..	Melbourne ..	16.44	3 lengths
1903	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Sydney . ..	15.36	5 lengths
1904	Yarra, Vic.	Melbourne ..	18.1 4/5	3 lengths
1905	Port Adelaide, S.A. ..	Sydney . ..	17.37	5 lengths
1906	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Melbourne ..	15.15	3 lengths (just under 3 miles)
1907	Yarra, Vic.	Sydney . ..	15.53	2 lengths
1908	Port Adelaide, S.A. ..	Sydney . ..	15.45	2 lengths
1909	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Sydney . ..	15.50	5 lengths
1910	Yarra, Vic.	Adelaide ..	17.35	4 lengths (2½ miles against tide and wind)
1911	Port Adelaide, S.A. ..	Melbourne ..	16.29	1½ lengths
1912	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Melbourne ..	17.0	3 lengths
1913	Yarra, Vic.	Melbourne ..	15.11 3/5	6 lengths (2½ miles)
1914	Port Adelaide, S.A. ..	Melbourne ..	17.46 2/5	7 lengths
1915 – 1918	No Race on account of Great War.			
1919	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Melbourne ..	19.34½	3 lengths (3 miles 167 yds.)
1920	Yarra, Vic.	Adelaide ..	16.15	1½ lengths (2½ miles)
1921	Brisbane, Qld.	Melbourne ..	17.25	1 length
1922	Port Adelaide, S.A. ..	Queensland .	—	1¼ lengths
1923	Parramatta, N.S.W. ..	Queensland .	17.43 1/5	4 lengths
1924	Yarra, Vic.	Melbourne ..	16.14	½ length (2½ miles)
1925	Brisbane, Qld.	Tasmania ..	17.56	2½ lengths
1926	Huon, Tas.	Sydney . ..	—	½ length
1927	Nepean, N.S.W.	W.A.	17.30	1¼ lengths
1928	Murray, S.A.	W.A.	16.43	2 lengths
1929	Yarra, Vic.	Melbourne ..	14.27 1/5	3½ lengths (2½ miles)
1930	Swan, W.A.	W.A.	19.57 3/5	¾ length
1931	Brisbane (H.R.), Qld. ..	Sydney . ..	17.40	9½ lengths
1932	Huon, Tas.	W.A.	17.19½	5 lengths
1933	Nepean, N.S.W.	Sydney . ..	16.29	2 lengths
1934	Mannum, S.A.	Adelaide ..	15.30	5 lengths
1935	Yarra, Vic.	Sydney . ..	15.17	2 lengths (2½ miles)
1936	Swan, W.A.	Sydney . ..	12.30 2/5	2 lengths (2 miles)
1937	Brisbane (H.R.), Qld. ..	Sydney . ..	17.30 2/5	2¼ lengths
1938	Huon, Tas.	Sydney . ..	15.44	1¼ lengths
1939	Nepean, N.S.W.	Melbourne (details unavailable)		
1940	Nepean, N.S.W.	Melbourne ..	16.57	3½ lengths
1941 – 1945	No Race on account of World War II.			
1946	Murray, S.A.	Melbourne ..	17.59	1 length
1947	Nepean, N.S.W.	Sydney . ..	16.51	1½ lengths
1953	Nepean, N.S.W.	Melbourne ..	16.13	1/3 length

WINS: Sydney, 21; Melbourne, 21; Adelaide, 5; Western Australia, 4; Queensland, 2; Tasmania, 1.
Fastest time for the full three-mile course (15.30) was made by Adelaide in 1934 on the Murray River course.

INTER–VARSITY SCULLS

Year	Course	Winner	Second	Won by
1927	Penrith, N.S.W.	K. A. Flavelle, Syd. .	S. R. Bell, Melb. ..	1½ lengths
1928	Mannum, S.A.	K. A. Flavelle, Syd. .	.. ..	Row over
1929	Melbourne, Vic.	K. A. Flavelle, Syd. .	A. Crothers, Melb. ..	10 lengths
1937	Brisbane, Qld.	R. Reid, Qld.	.. ..	Row over
1953	Nepean, N.S.W.	J. Hunt, Melb.	.. ..	10 lengths

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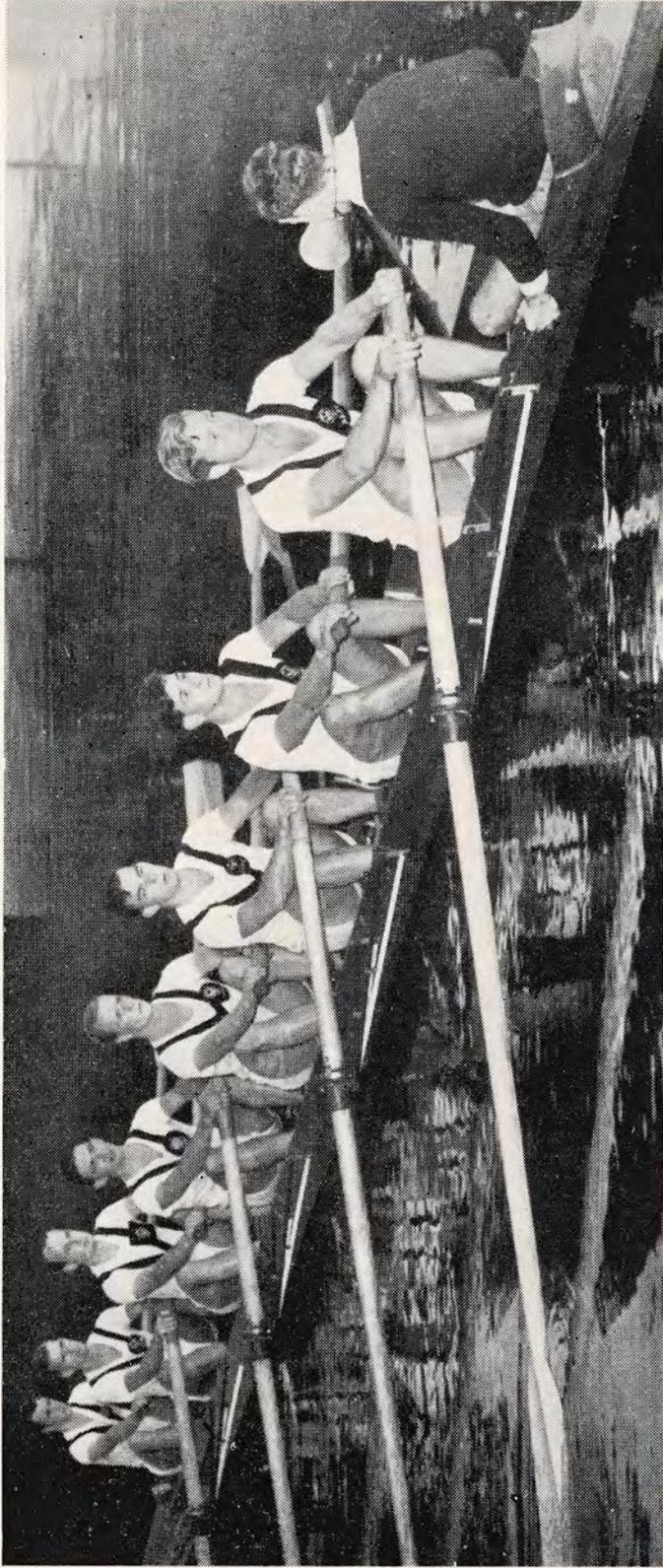
(Bow) C. J. Cooper, 10st. 11lb.; (2) P. L. Nash, 10st. 12lb.; (3) G. S. Adams 12st. 10lb.; (4) J. F. M. Lea, 12st, 2lb.; (5) J. Y. HANCOCK, 12st. 12lb.; (6) M. S. T. Hobbs, 12st. 4lb.; (7) P. J. S. Burns, 12st. 0lb.; (Str.) J. S. Jose, 12st. 12lb.; (Cox) R. L. Hodge, 9st. 7lb.   Emergency: G. C. Morlett, 11st. 10lb.

Coach: J. G. Gosse, Esq.