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**BUSA Modern Biathlon &
National Modern Pentathlon
Student Championships 2004**



Programme for Competitors

Opening Thoughts

First a few words from one of our Organisers in Chief, Tom Kennedy

Welcome to the fifth annual National Student Modern Pentathlon Championships incorporating, for the second year running, the BUSA Modern Biathlon Championships. It is our great pleasure to be hosting this event once again and it is enormously encouraging to see so many familiar faces returning to compete and to officiate, as well as all the newcomers to this event. We welcome back especially two of last year's individual winners: Michael Cornes (Men's Biathlon) and Heather Fell (Women's Pentathlon). The great strength of this competition over the past few years, and what has made it such an exciting event to be involved with, is the way it brings together athletes from so many different backgrounds; fencers, Pony Club tetrathletes, and of course, now in even greater numbers, the biathletes as well as experienced pentathletes, all prepared to share their enjoyment and enthusiasm for their sports.

The fantastic news this year is that, after negotiating with BUSA over the last few years, we have now secured full BUSA sanction for next year's event. We hope that this will add even more to the growth of the competition as well as making it easier for you as athletes to get support from your Sports Unions. The progress made on this issue has been due mainly to Zig's tireless efforts in persistently keeping the topic on the agenda with both BUSA and the MPAGB, so on behalf of all those involved with the championships, thanks Zig! We are joined again by Anna Liddell who will be helping things run smoothly from the BUSA point of view.

This year the organising committee has expanded to involve several new members who have all been enormously appreciated for the enthusiasm and hard work they have given! The new faces are; last year's fence I/C and 2002 men's champion, James Graham-Brown; Lorna Wiggins, three time competitor and holder of both the shoot and skills tri records; and Kathryn Mackie, a competitor in the past but giving enormously of her time in her final year as a

The Rules

The competition shall be run in accordance with the 2004 UIPM Modern Pentathlon Rule book with MPAGB amendments, and additional rules dictating the scoring of the Student Pentathlon. This document is not in any way to be considered a rule book for the competition.

Jury of Appeal:

In the case of an appeal the jury, for pentathlon and biathlon, shall be:

Tom Kennedy, Euan Lees, Anna Liddell (BUSA) & James Graham-Brown joined by the OIC[s] of the relevant event.

The jury will hear reasonable argument and then shall make a fair decision according to the rules. The jury's decision is final.

Medic at Oxford. It is very refreshing to have an injection of new (and younger) blood, and if you would be interested in helping to run this event in future years after you are no longer eligible to compete then we would be delighted to hear from you! We are grateful once again to the Oxford University Sports Centre for hosting us, and this year we are particularly pleased to be using for the first time the recently completed new Swimming Pool. Many thanks as ever to Richard Dodsworth and his team for putting us up and putting up with us! Huge thanks as always are due to the event I/Cs and all the volunteers who have given up their weekends and in some cases a lot else besides to come and help put on a great event for us all. We hope to see you all next year, but in the meantime best of luck for the competition and let's hope there'll be PBs and records getting shattered all over the place!

Some pearls of wisdom from two-time winner of the Men's pentathlon, Ben "Robo" Candy

Welcome to the fifth modern pentathlon student championships and second run in conjunction with the BUSA biathlon championships. This competition has been the largest pentathlon competition in the UK since it was first run and has been growing in popularity every year thanks largely to efficient organisation under immense pressure by all the organisers, especially the duo of Zig and Tom.

Having competed at many different levels of Modern Pentathlon I can say that this competition is unique on the calendar because of its amazingly friendly yet competitive atmosphere. This is created by the athletes competing against each other but at the same time helping those with weaker events survive them. It's amazing how friendly people can be when your stabbing them with your epee.

Finally, I can definitely recommend staying for the post-competition events as a good way to finish off your weekend. Good luck to everyone including the athletes and organisers. May your shot be true, your grip firm, your stroke smooth, your ride clean and at the end powerful. And good luck in the first five events too.

And since we have the time...

Pentathlon - it's a hard man's sport.

If you are a biathlete who thinks that pentathletes moan intolerably about how difficult their sport is, and you think you could give them a run for their money next year, why not have a go? The events are:

- ü **Run** - 3000m (easy, you can already do that).
- ü **Swim** - 200m (ditto).
- ü **Fence** - epee competition in which you fence everybody in your pool for 1 or 2 hits. You can hit your opponent *anywhere* on his body. Anywhere can sometimes be a painful place, (gentlemen). The epee is descended from the rapier. Bit of swashbuckling history for you there. Nice.
- ü **Ride** - Between 10 and 12 3-foot obstacles undertaken as a show-jumping course on an "unknown" horse. You get 15 minutes' warm-up time (or in some cases, falling-off time) before competing. Often the best spectator event on account of the spills and thrills involved.
- ü **Shoot** - 20 shots one-handed at a static (and tiny) target with an air pistol. Coffee-drinkers are best advised to pack decaf for the morning of the shoot.

Come on Mr and Mrs Run-Swim-Lager Biathletes. Show us what you can *really* do next year!

Team Entries

Likewise, if you are a biathlete or pentathlete who has travelled on his/her own from far afield, why not get some company for next year's lonely car journey? Use your nous: scout around for 2 other mates/volunteers/victims to **MAKE UP A TEAM!!!**

Our thanks go to...

Richard Dodsworth and all the hard-working staff at the sports centre without whom ...

Local council - for use of South Parks

Christchurch College - for party venue

Tom Kennedy and Matt Gisborne - for their years of hard work

Anna Liddell and the BUSA Committee

Euan Lees - for the years of flawless computer wizardry

Julie, Justin, Rob, Lozza, Kathryn, Lorna, Candyman, Selena.

Fence presidents, judges and arena party at ride, swim and run timers, shooting scorers and anyone else who helped in any way - we salute you!

Parents, supporters and bill-payers

Cathy Fenn at Pony Club HQ

The lovely MPAGB ladies at MPAGB HQ

Members of OUMPA - for putting people up and helping out at key stages

Anyone else we've forgotten. Sorry!

*Ben Measures is Dead.
Long live Eustace,
International Man of Mystery
and Mischief ...*

Do NOT trust this man...



Pentathlon Roll of Honour: All time 10 top scorers

GENTLEMEN			LADIES		
Athlete	Score	Year	Athlete	Score	Year
Matt Barnes	5287	2000	Gwen Kinsey	5337	2000
Ben Candy	5108	2003	Heather Fell	5228	2003
Simon Dean	5060	2000	Aly Rowell	5130	2001
Cahir King	5036	2003	Sarah Gomersall	4936	2003
Pete Kelly	5013	2001	Caroline Bullard	4872	2003
Simon Marwood	4992	2000	Sarah Langridge	4860	2002
James Graham-Brown	4978	2002	Laura Gomersall	4844	2003
Josh Funder	4919	2000	Lindsey Weedon	4812	2002
Ben Measures	4915	2000	Sara Notz	4772	2002
Alex Rothman	4864	2003	Lorna Wiggins	4669	2000

Pentathlon Championship Records

The Student Pentathlon Records as collated following the 2003 Champi-

Ladies	Athlete	Institution	Result	Points	Year
Overall Record:	Gwen Kinsey	University of Surrey		5337	2000
Best Shoot:	Lorna Wiggins	University of Bath	185	1156	2002
Best Fence:	Georgie Lewis	University of Bristol	30/2	1232	2001
Best Swim:	Heather Fell	S.W. 6th Formers	02:15.4	1246	2000
Best Ride:	Many		Clear	100/100	
Best Run:	Gwen Kinsey	University of Surrey	11:02	1072	2000
Best Biathlon:	Gwen Kinsey	University of Surrey		2147	2000
Best Skills Triathlon:	Lorna Wiggins	University of Bath		3352	2003

Gentlemen	Athlete	Institution	Result	Points	Year
Overall Record:	Matt Barnes	Oxford Brookes		5287	2000
Best Shoot:	Ben Candy	University of Oxford	182	1120	2001
Best Fence:	Andrew Culling	University of Cambridge	27/2 (93%)	1224	2003
Best Swim:	Pete Gibbons	University of Cambridge	02:12.4	1176	2000
Best Ride:	Many		Clear	100/100	
Best Run:	Matt Barnes	Oxford Brookes	09:27	1132	2000
Best Biathlon:	Matt Barnes	Oxford Brookes		2221	2000
Best Skills Triathlon:	Cahir King	University of Cambridge		3228	2003

Teams	Institution	Points	Year	Team Members
1st	Bath A	12360	2002	(Sarah Langridge, Lorna Wiggins, Jo Clarke)
2nd	Oxford A	12169	2000	(Ben Candy, Ben Measures, Joshua Funder)
3rd	Oxford A	12152	2003	(Ben Candy, Alex Rothman, Matthew Gisborne)
4th	Cambridge B	11684	2000	(Adrian Smale, Cahir King, Jamie Frith)
5th	Bath B	11540	2002	(Lindsey Weedon, Sara Notz, Elizabeth Adams)
Best 'B' Team	Cambridge B	11684	2000	(Adrian Smale, Cahir King, Jamie Frith)
Best 'C' Team	Oxford C	10956	2003	(Ruth Jones, Laurence Hulatt, Sabrina Verjee)

Important Notices

Please note the following (or be subjected to endless amounts of torture) :

Swimming

- ü **No one** is allowed into the pool changing rooms **until 5 pm** to give the staff time to get the pool ready after the public session has ended.
- ü People are **not to enter the water** until the swim event director says so.
- ü The swim will finish at 7 pm and the **sports centre closes at 7:45 pm**. Competitors and supporters, please ensure you have left the building by then.
- ü **Everything, including the car park, will be locked up at 8 pm** and no one will be able to get into the changing rooms or get to their car after that time. The car park **will not re-open until 8 am** the next morning.
- ü **Spectating space** is limited to **32 seats**. **No drinks or food** will be permitted on poolside. Spectators, please ensure your **feet are clean** before going poolside.

Team Changes

Pentathlon

All teams, including changes, must be declared **before the ride event starts** at registration at 6:45pm on Friday, 5 March.

Biathlon

Again, *all* teams must be declared **before the start of the run event** at the Biathletes' registration at 2pm on Saturday, 6 March.

When and Where Things Happen

Friday, 5 March

Blebury Equestrian Centre
 6.45pm-7.15pm registration and course walk
 7.15pm First rider up
 7.30pm-10.30pm Ride starts (men and women)

South Parks

2.00pm biathletes registration
 2.30pm run warm up
 3.00, 3.20pm Women's run heats
 3.40, 4.00pm Men's run heats

Saturday, 6 March

Iffley Road Sports Centre

Cricket Schools:
 8:30-11.30am Men's shoot
 11:30am-2:30pm Women's shoot

Rosen Blatt Swimming Pool, Iffley Road Sports Centre

5:15-7pm Swim (Men & women)

The Lidell Building, Christchurch Annexe, Iffley Road

Main Hall:
 8.30-11:30am Men's fence
 11:30am-2:30pm Women's fence

8:30pm onwards Party & prize-giving

Officers of the Competition

At this stage of the programme I am supposed to write a flowing, epic dialogue about the supreme talents, talismanic qualities and workmanlike work-ethic possessed by all the event stewards. However, I have never been good at lying.

Mr Euan "Cheese" Lees - Chief Scorer and figure manipulator. Also known as "ageing iron man". Do not ask to see his pants.

Mr Robert Harland - I/C Ride. Gave up pentathlon because unable to live in his sister's shadow any more [that's a strange place to live - Ed].

Dr Laurence Hulatt - I/C Swim. Aka "Dr Lozza". Beware his trousers after a few pints.

Mr Benjamin Candy - I/C Shoot and resident robotic pentathlon god. Avoid if not single.

Mr Justin Yeoman - I/C Fence and root vegetable fanatic. Recently founded shrine for radish-worshippers in Guatemala.

Mrs Julie Murphy - I/C Run and, in the interests of non-bias, ex-Tab. Hands off, she's married (Measures).

Ms Selena Cochrane - I/C Run and dying swan. Fond of libraries after dark. Hands off, Measures.

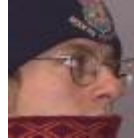
Mr Tom Kennedy - Organiser in Chief. To be addressed only as 'Sir'.

Mr Matthew Gisborne - Organiser in Chief. Recently agreed to be bound by Welsh ball and chain for evermore. Avid pie-collector.

Ms Kathryn Mackie - Organiser in Deputy and hoarder of Oxford-pentathlete boyfriends. Measures, I said hands off!!

Ms Lorna Wiggins - Organiser in Deputy / police informant. Measures, for the love of Jonah...

Mr James Graham-Brown - Organiser in Deputy, Hair and all-round fantastic geezer. Editor's opinion thoroughly unbiased too.



Results

Please remember: Even if you have to jet off like a lemming on speed after the competition and can't stay for the prize-giving, to get the results you can always access them at:

www.oxbridgepentathlon.org.uk/busu

Please allow us a few days' grace though. We're good, but we 'ain't that good.

Gentlemen

No.	Athlete	Team	Total	Fence	Swim	Shoot	Run	Ride
1	Benjamin Candy	Oxford A	5108	1096	1216	856	808	1132
2	Cahir King	Cambridge B	5036	1064	1000	964	808	1200
3	Alexander Rothman	Oxford A	4864	1032	976	904	820	1132
4	Henry Kruczko	Lord Williams (Indiv.)	4860	872	1032	1036	804	1116
5	Matthew Gisborne	Oxford A	4552	840	932	892	744	1144
6	Alexander Baxter	Oxford B	4524	808	780	796	968	1172
7	Matthew Graham-Brown	Birmingham A	4508	808	916	844	796	1144
8	Justin Yeoman	Oxford B	4388	680	824	856	828	1200
9	Nigel Purcell	Trinity A	4264	744	788	700	832	1200
10	Laurence Hulatt	Oxford C	4132	904	1028	772	856	572
11	Dara-Sean Gibbons	Trinity A	3676	968	400	640	524	1144
12	Andrew Culling	Cambridge A	3532	1224	752	844	672	40
13	Jethro Johnson	Cambridge C	3288	740	480	832	36	1200
14	Andrew Stevens	Cambridge A	3272	840	960	700	520	252
15	Andy McRobbie	Edinburgh A	3052	872	708	412	568	492
16	Iain McLeod	Oxford E	2988	616	1044	640	688	0
17	John Riches	Oxford D	2956	808	676	232	408	832
18	Simon Pilgrim	Cambridge D	2928	688	276	784	92	1088
19	Andrew Welsh	Edinburgh A	2772	776	1036	112	848	0
20	John Goldfinch	Oxford E	2584	808	568	712	496	0
21	Richard Bowdler	Oxford D	2544	712	568	352	912	0
22	Alan Robertson	Edinburgh B	2484	584	872	196	832	0
23	Peter Scorov	Cambridge C	2396	968	584	844	0	0
24	Peter Geddes	Edinburgh B	2232	776	896	0	560	0
25	Michael Butler	Edinburgh A	2212	680	792	0	740	0
26	Richard Lyon	Edinburgh (Indiv.)	1892	712	768	0	412	0
27	Charles Costa	St. Paul's (Indiv.)	1688	680	152	112	744	0
28	Robert Spaul	St. Paul's (Indiv.)	1664	744	128	412	380	0
29	Matthew Hill	Exeter (Indiv.)	1188	680	0	508	0	0
30	Ivan Siu	Oxford G	1064	808	0	220	36	0

OVERALL TEAM RESULTS (Best 4 events per competitor)

Total	Institution	Team Members
12152	Oxford A	(Benjamin Candy, Alexander Rothman, Matthew Gisborne)
11504	Okehampton College A	(Sarah Gomersall, Laura Gomersall, Georgina Geike)
10960	Birmingham A	(Matthew Graham-Brown, Jenni Goodman, Rachel Hares)
10956	Oxford C	(Ruth Jones, Laurence Hulatt, Sabrina Verjee)
10870	Oxford B	(Alexander Baxter, Justin Yeoman, Tina Agnew)
10012	Cambridge A	(Laura Davidson, Andrew Culling, Andrew Stevens)
9624	Cambridge B	(Cahir King, Leah Walland, Rachel Elkins)
8412	Oxford E	(Iain McLeod, Nina Urban, John Goldfinch)
8408	Cambridge C	(Jethro Johnson, Sophie Keay, Peter Scorov)
8060	Exeter A	(Sian Rees, Emily Bevan, Ainsley Switzer)
7952	Oxford F	(Sarah Ormerod, Helen Davies, Jennie Broadbent)
7808	Oxford D	(John Riches, Richard Bowdler, Kathryn Mackie)
7652	Bristol A	(Katie Cheyne, Anna Holmes, Jenny Offord)
7624	Edinburgh A	(Andy McRobbie, Andrew Welsh, Michael Butler)
6728	Edinburgh B	(Alan Robertson, Peter Geddes, Seonaid McRobbie)

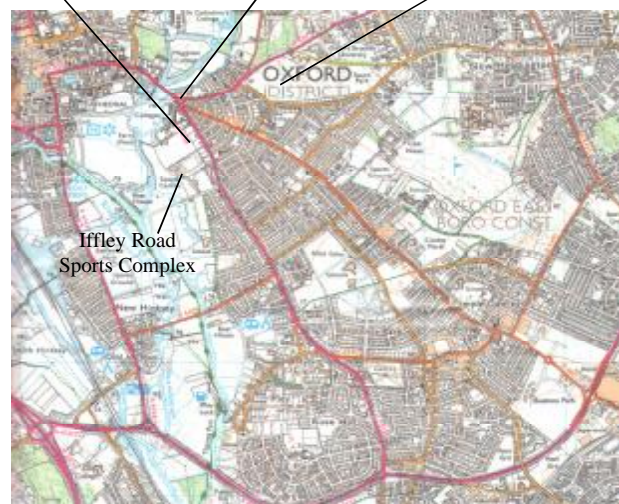
Results From The 2003 Student Modern Pentathlon Championships

Ladies

No.	Athlete	Team	Total	Fence	Swim	Shoot	Run	Ride
1	Heather Fell	Brunel (Indiv.)	5228	1096	1252	952	812	1116
2	Sarah Gomersall	Okehampton College A	4936	1072	1024	940	796	1104
3	Caroline Bullard	RVC London (Indiv.)	4872	880	1152	712	956	1172
4	Laura Gomersall	Okehampton College A	4844	976	1016	928	752	1172
5	Lorna Wiggins	Bath (Indiv.)	4540	1120	932	1060	256	1172
6	Ruth Jones	Oxford C	4380	784	1160	724	592	1120
7	Sabrina Verjee	Oxford C	4108	832	696	880	500	1200
8	Sian Rees	Exeter A	4028	880	872	448	704	1124
9	Sally Hopkins	Brighton (Indiv.)	3956	880	820	760	392	1104
10	Georgina Geike	Okehampton College A	3816	784	636	1120	732	544
11	Laura Davidson	Cambridge A	3744	928	584	856	244	1132
12	Jenni Goodman	Birmingham A	3692	1000	652	880	0	1160
13	Samantha Austreng	South Wiltshire (Indiv.)	3616	808	564	952	272	1020
14	Rachel Hares	Birmingham A	3556	784	1244	412	0	1116
15	Tina Agnew	Oxford B	3418	976	1112	772	0	558
16	Sarah Ormerod	Oxford F	3284	856	600	628	0	1200
17	Hannah Lyons	Benton Park (Indiv.)	3268	808	0	808	452	1200
18	Verity Allin	Hampshire (Indiv.)	3164	712	888	148	272	1144
19	Leah Walland	Cambridge B	3116	640	320	280	676	1200
20	Rachel Elkins	Cambridge B	2924	808	620	364	564	568
21	Nina Urban	Oxford E	2908	760	68	652	488	940
22	Katie Cheyne	Bristol A	2872	904	272	220	360	1116
23	Sophie Keay	Cambridge C	2760	904	600	748	508	0
24	Coral Ducroq	Oxford Brookes (Indiv.)	2680	664	300	544	0	1172
25	Celia Tymons	Manchester (Indiv.)	2640	736	0	892	0	1012
26	Anna Holmes	Bristol A	2568	472	732	556	120	688
27	Helen Pawson	Oxford G	2556	688	184	316	196	1172
28	Jenny Offord	Bristol A	2552	592	0	232	528	1200
29	Kathryn Mackie	Oxford D	2540	640	572	676	0	652
30	Helen Davies	Oxford F	2380	760	704	664	252	0
31	Sophie Allin	Hampshire (Indiv.)	2332	568	708	592	0	464
32	Emily Bevan	Exeter A	2324	760	388	0	180	996
33	Jennie Broadbent	Oxford F	2288	736	864	688	0	0
34	Ainsley Switzer	Exeter A	2156	1144	548	0	464	0
35	Sarah Carter	Cambridge D	2068	544	244	148	0	1132
36	Seonaid McRobbie	Edinburgh B	2012	640	604	76	0	692
37	Rachel Miskin	Cambridge E	1836	712	304	328	0	492
38	Zoe Fry	Cambridge E	1768	928	616	184	0	40
39	Becky Pope	Cambridge D	1704	880	0	172	0	652
40	Sinead Hanley	Edinburgh (Indiv.)	1604	640	652	0	312	0

Maps and Directions to Venues

Lidell Building Magdalen Roundabout South Parks



Run – South Parks (Saturday, 2:30pm onwards)

South Parks are located between Headington Road, Cheney Lane, Warneford Lane and Morrell Avenue. There is limited parking along Morrell Avenue and Warneford Lane. The run will take place at the top end (Warneford Road end) of the parks.

From the Oxford ring road turn off at the Headington round-a-bout (where the A40 joins the ring road from the east) on to London Road (A420) which takes you through Headington. After passing the White Horse pub on the right take the Gypsy Lane turn on the left, past part of Brooks University. At the end of Gypsy Lane turn right on to Warneford Lane. You will shortly see South Parks on your right hand side.

Shoot, Fence – Iffley Road Gym (Saturday, 8am onwards)

Swim - Iffley Road Pool (Saturday, 5:15-7pm)

The gym is best approached from Jackdaw Lane off Iffley Road (A4158). Jackdaw Lane is on your right immediately before Greyfriars College as you go up Iffley Road from Magdalen round-a-bout (which is at the Oxford end of St Clement's Street, Cowley Road and Iffley Road). The fence will take place in the main Sports Hall, the shoot is in the Cricket Schools at the same complex.

Where are the events?

Ride – Blewbury Riding Centre (Friday, 6:45pm onwards)

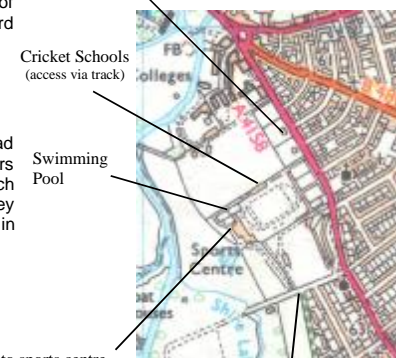
You should have got here by now if you are reading this programme! There will only be one opportunity to walk the course at the beginning of the competition. There will be lots of riders so please be patient if you have to wait until the end.

Party – Lidell Building, Christchurch Annexe, Iffley Road (Saturday, 8.30pm onwards)

The Lidell Building is located on Iffley Road in the graduate accommodation block of Christchurch College's annexe. The entrance is off Iffley to the left, about 300 yards from Jackdaw Lane as you head into town.

Please note that the prize giving will not commence until all the scores from the swim have been added and all the scores have been checked. We will try to hold the prize giving as early as possible, we apologise to those that have to get home quickly, but we hope that as many of you as possible will stay for the party.

Lidell Building



Main Hall & Main Entrance to sports centre

Jackdaw Lane - access for Cars from Iffley Road

List of Entries - Gentlemen

Biathlon

Name		Institution
Chris	Dunmall	Berkhamstead School
Tim	Keevil	Bishop Wordswoth School
Andrew	Stevens	Cambridge University
Andrew	Culling	Cambridge University
Jonathan	Wright	Cambridge University
Gen	Foo	Cambridge University
Tyge	Schioler	Cambridge University
Richard	Hildick-Smith	Dean Close School
James	Lock	Loughborough University
Lee	Thornhill	Loughborough University
Stuart	Brown	Loughborough University
James	Towner	Loughborough University
Adam	Thomas	Loughborough University
Adrian	Gandy	Loughborough University
Chris	McMahon	Loughborough University
Mike	Ridler	Loughborough University
Mike	Griffiths	Loughborough University
Michael	Turnball	University College Chester
Toby	Nightingale	University of Bath
Alex	MacCormac	University of Birmingham
Simon	Richards	University of Birmingham
David	Saunders	University of Birmingham
Iestyn	Shapey	University of Birmingham
Chris	Anthony	University of Birmingham
Tim	Hancock	University of Birmingham
Anthony	Goodwin	University of Birmingham
Aidan	Roche	University of Birmingham
Mike	Cornes	University of Birmingham
Mark	Morris	University of Birmingham
Simon	Worgan	University of Birmingham
Ralph	Evans	University of Birmingham
Cedric	LeQuere	University of Birmingham
Steve	Brooks	University of Birmingham
Andy	Croud	University of Birmingham
Niraj	Brahmabhatt	University of Birmingham
Andy	Dougan	University of Birmingham
Matthew	Graham-Brown	University of Birmingham
Jon	Roberts	University of Bristol
Christopher	Mullington	University of London
Diogo	Nebias	University of London
Hugh	Id	University of London
Steven	Staurt	University of London
Wayne	Lam	University of London
Stephen	Stretton	University of London
Jon	Baron	University of London
Neil	Richardson	University of London
Alex	Chklar	University of London
Gavin	Daisley	University of London
Neil	Bradley	University of New castle

Biathlon contd. ...

Name		Institution
Jonathan	Stedman	University of Nottingham
Jason	Buchanon	University of Nottingham
Chris	Cope	University of Nottingham
Peter	Garrett	University of Nottingham
Joe	Waudby	University of Nottingham
James	Endicott	University of Nottingham
Peter	Gravell	University of Oxford
Alex	Rothman	University of Oxford
Peter	Kelly	University of Oxford
Oli	Rees-Jones	University of Oxford
Matthew	Gisborne	University of Oxford
Emma	Maitland	University of Oxford
Iain	MacCleod	University of Oxford
James	Hedges	University of Oxford
Simon	Glasscock	University of Oxford
James	Clark	University of Oxford
Adrian	Elkman	University of Oxford
Chris	Williams	University of Oxford
Jack	Nightingale	University of the West of England
Toby	Ryan	University of Wales Institute, Cardiff
Peter	Egan	Warwickshire College

Pentathlon

Name		Institution
Chris	Dunmall	Berkhamstead School
Tim	Keevil	Bishop Wordswoth School
Andrew	Stevens	Cambridge University
Andrew	Culling	Cambridge University
Jonathan	Wright	Cambridge University
Gen	Foo	Cambridge University
Tyge	Schioler	Cambridge University
Richard	Hildick-Smith	Dean Close School
Toby	Nightingale	University of Bath
Matthew	Graham-Brown	University of Birmingham
Gavin	Daisley	University of London
Alex	Rothman	University of Oxford
Peter	Kelly	University of Oxford
Oli	Rees-Jones	University of Oxford
Matthew	Gisborne	University of Oxford
Emma	Maitland	University of Oxford
Iain	MacCleod	University of Oxford
James	Hedges	University of Oxford
Simon	Glasscock	University of Oxford
Luke	Sandler	University of Oxford
James	Clark	University of Oxford
Adrian	Elkman	University of Oxford
Chris	Williams	University of Oxford
Jack	Nightingale	University of the West of England
Toby	Ryan	University of Wales Institute, Cardiff
Peter	Egan	Warwickshire College

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Teams

Men's

1	Loughborough A	Clayton Payne, Lee Thornhill, James Beechey	6312
2	Nottingham	Mike Auger, Gwilym Rowlands, Dave Cowan	6124
3	Birmingham	Michael Cornes, Steven Norton, Alexander MacCormac	5952
4	Gloucestershire	Alexander Lewis, Matthew Thomas, Andrew Day	5828
5	Oxford A	Laurence Hulatt, Alexander Rothman, Benjamin Candy	5704
6	Loughborough B	James Towner, Mark Bailey, Adrian Gandy	5616
7	Cambridge A	Dan Mikulskis, Cahir King, Andrew Stevens	5556
8	London A	Gordon Irvine, Christopher Mullington, Darren Minshall	5416
9	Edinburgh A	Andrew Welsh, Alan Robertson, Michael Butler	5120
10	Oxford B	Alexander Baxter, Justin Yeoman, Matthew Gisborne	5076
11	London B	Andrew Greenway, Oliver Thwaites, Steven Stuart	4308
12	Oxford C	Richard Bowdler, Ian MacLeod, John Riches	4296
13	Birmingham B	Mark Taylor, Iestyn Shapey, Christopher Anthony	4216
14	Edinburgh B	Andy McRobbie, Peter Geddes, Richard Lyon	3912
15	Cambridge B	Andrew Culling, Jethro Johnson, Peter Scorov	2524
16	Chester A	Matthew Wincombe, Alan Spalding, Michael Turnbull	2104
17	Birmingham C	Matthew Gee, Simon Worgan, Niraj Brahmabhatt	1992

Women's

1	Loughborough A	Alice Hector, Catherine Hare, Estelle Damant	6404
2	London	Catherine Wilkinson, Sarah Skennerton, Tamsin Lewis	5068
3	Newcastle	Emily Rowbotham, Julia Capper, Rachel Lundeau	4288
4	Birmingham A	Annabel Gates, Helen Cottle, Nancy Douglas	3764
5	Oxford A	Helen Pawson, Ruth Jones, Tina Agnew	3244
6	Exeter	Ainsley Switzer, Emily Bevan, Sian Rees	3156
7	Chester A	Chrissy Ingram, Helen Bourne, Natalie Espana	2972
8	Cambridge A	Leah Walland, Rachel Elkins, Zoe Fry	2796
9	Oxford B	Jennie Broadbent, Kathryn Mackie, Sabrina Verjee	2632
10	Oxford C	Helen Davies, Nina Urban, Sarah Ormerod	2112
11	Bristol A	Anna Holmes, Jenny Offord, Katie Cheyne	2012
12	Cambridge B	Becky Pope, Laura Davidson, Sophie Keay	1936
13	Birmingham B	Caitlin Griffiths, Nadia Karavais, Vicky Esdaile	1384

Biathlon Roll Of Honour: Top Ten all-time best scorers (last 2 years only)

GENTLEMEN			LADIES		
Athlete	Score	Year	Athlete	Score	Year
Michael Cornes	2384	2002	Catherine Hare	2284	2003
Duncan McKerracher	2332	2002	Louise Roberts	2212	2002
Mike Auger	2292	2003	Anna Philips	2198	2002
Gavin Noble	2292	2003	Stephanie Bullock	2184	2002
Dan Mikulskis	2268	2003	Gemma Hindson	2144	2002
Clayton Payne	2252	2003	Alice Hector	2116	2003
Chris Volley	2210	2002	Caroline Bullard	2108	2003
Lee Thornhill	2172	2003	Tina Agnew	2084	2002
Dave Roberts	2138	2002	Sarah Hartshorn	2072	2002

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Results From The 2003 BUSA Biathlon Championships

Ladies

No.	Athlete	Team	Total	Swim	Run
1	Catherine Hare	Loughborough A	2284	1144	1140
2	Alice Hector	Loughborough A	2116	1248	868
3	Caroline Bullard	RVC London (Indiv.)	2108	162	956
4	Heather Fell	Brunel (Indiv.)	2064	1252	812
5	Estelle Damant	Loughborough A	2004	1182	872
6	Gamma Home	Loughborough (Indiv.)	1964	1228	936
7	Tamsin Lewis	London A	1940	1036	804
8	Emily Rowbotham	Newcastle A	1756	180	576
9	Nancy Douglas	Birmingham A	1752	1236	456
10	Ruth Jones	Oxford A	1752	180	592
11	Catherine Wilkinson	London A	1624	184	440
12	Sarah Skennerton	London A	1604	182	512
13	Sian Rees	Exeter A	1576	872	704
14	Carlota Rosales	Newcastle (Indiv.)	1408	1068	352
15	Rachel Lundeau	Newcastle A	1400	116	284
16	Amy Lindh	Nottingham (Indiv.)	1300	680	640
17	Natalie Pearson	Loughborough (Indiv.)	1248	940	308
18	Rachel Hares	Birmingham (Indiv.)	1244	1244	0
19	Sally Hopkins	Brighton (Indiv.)	1212	820	392
20	Sabrina Verjee	Oxford B	1196	696	500
21	Lorna Wiggins	Bath (Indiv.)	1188	932	256
22	Rachel Elkins	Cambridge A	1184	620	564
23	Julia Capper	Newcastle A	1132	112	0
24	Chrissy Ingram	Chester A	1120	120	0
25	Tina Agnew	Oxford A	1112	112	0
26	Sophie Keay	Cambridge B	1108	600	508
27	Annabel Gates	Birmingham A	1100	856	244
28	Natalie Espana	Chester A	1120	120	0
29	Ainsley Switzer	Exeter A	1012	548	464
30	Leah Walland	Cambridge A	996	320	676
31	Sinead Hanley	Edinburgh (Indiv.)	964	652	312
32	Helen Davies	Oxford C	956	704	252
33	Helen Cottle	Birmingham A	912	848	64
34	Jennie Broadbent	Oxford B	864	864	0
35	Anna Holmes	Bristol A	852	732	120
36	Helen Boume	Chester A	832	832	0
37	Laura Davidson	Cambridge B	828	584	244
38	Jenni Goodman	Birmingham (Indiv.)	652	652	0
39	Katie Cheyne	Bristol A	632	272	360
40	Zoe Fry	Cambridge A	616	616	0
41	Seonaid McRobbie	Edinburgh (Indiv.)	604	604	0
42	Sarah Omerod	Oxford C	600	600	0
43	Kathryn Mackie	Oxford B	572	572	0
44	Emily Bevan	Exeter A	568	398	180
45	Nina Urban	Oxford C	556	68	488
46	Jenny Offord	Bristol A	528	0	528
47	Caitlin Griffiths	Birmingham B	476	428	48
48	Nadia Karavais	Birmingham B	476	304	172
49	Vicky Esdaille	Birmingham B	432	0	432
50	Helen Pawson	Oxford A	380	184	196
51	Rachel Miskin	Cambridge (Indiv.)	304	304	0
52	Julie Wright	Birmingham (Indiv.)	300	300	0
53	Coral Ducrocq	OxBrookes (Indiv.)	300	300	0
54	Sarah Carter	Cambridge (Indiv.)	244	244	0
55	Becky Pope	Cambridge B	0	0	0
56	Celia Tymons	Manchester (Indiv.)	0	0	0
57	Kelly Thromber	Nottingham (Indiv.)	0	0	0

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Gentlemen

No.	Athlete	Team	Total	Swim	Run
1	Michael Comes	Birmingham A	2384	1292	1092
2	Mike Auger	Nottingham A	2292	1280	1012
3	Gavin Noble	Stirling (Indiv.)	2292	1280	1012
4	Dan Mikuskis	Cambridge A	2268	1372	896
5	Clayton Payne	Loughborough A	2252	1148	1104
6	Lee Thornhill	Loughborough A	2172	1168	1004
7	Simon Marwood	South Bank (Indiv.)	2124	976	1148
8	Dave Cowan	Nottingham A	2108	1200	908
9	James Towner	Loughborough B	2048	1188	860
10	Chris Mullington	London A	2036	1112	924
11	Benjamin Candy	Oxford A	2024	1216	808
12	Matthew Thomas	Gloucestershire A	2008	1220	788
13	Philip Needham	Gloucestershire (Indiv.)	1980	1224	756
14	Alexander Lewis	Gloucestershire A	1916	1072	844
15	Andrew Day	Gloucestershire A	1904	1024	880
16	James Beechey	Loughborough A	1888	1240	648
17	Andrew Welsh	Edinburgh A	1884	1036	848
18	Laurence Hulatt	Oxford A	1884	1028	856
19	Mark Bailey	Loughborough B	1852	1116	736
20	Andrew Bye	Loughborough (Indiv.)	1820	1112	708
21	Steven Norton	Birmingham A	1812	1166	676
22	Cahir King	Cambridge A	1808	1000	808
23	Alexander Rothman	Oxford A	1796	976	820
24	Alexander MacComac	Birmingham A	1756	1240	516
25	Alexander Baxter	Oxford B	1748	780	968
26	Ian McLeod	Oxford C	1732	1044	688
27	Gordon Irvine	London A	1724	692	1032
28	Gwilym Rowlands	Nottingham A	1724	808	916
29	Adrian Gandy	Loughborough B	1716	1044	672
30	Matt Graham-Brown	Birmingham (Indiv.)	1712	916	796
31	Matthew Wincombe	Chester A	1708	1004	504
32	Alan Robertson	Edinburgh A	1704	872	832
33	Matthew Gisborne	Oxford B	1676	932	744
34	Iestyn Shapey	Birmingham B	1656	1128	628
35	Darren Minshall	London A	1656	1168	488
36	Justin Yeoman	Oxford B	1652	824	828
37	Oliver Thwaites	London B	1648	624	1024
38	Ian Rushton	Newcastle (Indiv.)	1636	1112	524
39	Steven Stuart	London B	1596	752	844
40	Graham Wedsworth	Nottingham (Indiv.)	1568	760	808
41	Michael Butler	Edinburgh A	1532	792	740
42	Matthew Gee	Birmingham C	1504	740	764
43	Andrew Stevens	Cambridge A	1480	960	520
44	Richard Bowdler	Oxford C	1480	588	912
45	Mark Taylor	Birmingham B	1476	788	688
46	Peter Geddes	Edinburgh B	1456	896	560
47	Andrew Culling	Cambridge B	1424	752	672
48	Roland Tesse	London (Indiv.)	1400	540	860
49	David Baldwin	Newcastle (Indiv.)	1340	162	118
50	Andy McRobbie	Edinburgh B	1276	708	568
51	Richard Lyon	Edinburgh B	1180	788	412
52	Christopher Antony	Birmingham B	1184	712	372
53	John Riches	Oxford C	1184	676	408
54	Andrew Greenway	London B	1164	0	1164
55	John Goldfinch	Oxford (Indiv.)	1164	568	496
56	Naz Electricwala	Nottingham (Indiv.)	1100	512	488
57	Gavin Daisley	London (Indiv.)	848	0	848
58	Peter Scovro	Cambridge B	584	584	0
59	Jethro Johnson	Cambridge B	516	480	36
60	Simon Worgan	Birmingham C	444	0	444
61	Alan Spalding	Chester A	396	0	396
62	Simon Pilgrim	Cambridge (Indiv.)	368	276	92
63	Niraj Brahmabhatt	Birmingham C	44	0	44
64	Ivan Siu	Oxford (Indiv.)	36	0	36
65	Michael Turnbull	Chester A	0	0	0
66	Douglas Harper	Edinburgh (Indiv.)	0	0	0
67	Matthew Hill	Exeter (Indiv.)	0	0	0

Biathlon

Biathlon contd. ...

Name	Institution	Name	Institution
Sally Hopkins	Brighton University	Caroline Ward	University of Oxford
Verity Allin	Brocken Hurst College	Tamsyn Allen	University of Oxford
Heather Fell	Brunel University	Fiona Edmonds	University of Oxford
Leah Walland	Cambridge University	Anna Chomse	University of Oxford
Laura Davidson	Cambridge University	Helen Pawson	University of Oxford
Jo Weetman	Cambridge University	Jennifer Broadbent	University of Oxford
Ailanore Harper	Cambridge University	Karen Kerrigan	University of Oxford
Nicky Brooks	Cambridge University	Daisy Mitchell	University of Oxford
Erly Bright	Guest	Laura Sheen	University of Oxford
Nicola Duggan	Loughborough University	Sarrah Kaye	University of Oxford
Alice Hector	Loughborough University	Jess Hudson	University of Oxford
Estelle Demant	Loughborough University	Charlotte Miles	University of Oxford
Holly Gibbs	Loughborough University	Alex Tucker	University of Stirling
Chrissie Bailey	Loughborough University	Rachel Measures	University of the West of England
Natalie Pearson	Loughborough University	Emma Chandler	University of the West of England
Ruth MacLennan	Middlesex University	Mary Martin	Warwickshire College
Daire Brennan	Middlesex University	Helen Mann	Warwickshire College
Andrea Mason	Middlesex University	Steph Harrison	Warwickshire College
Samantha Austreng	Totton College	Katy Kruczko	Wychwood School
Mhairi Spence	University of Bath		
Katy Livingston	University of Bath		
Louise Helyer	University of Bath		
Katie Westwood	University of Birmingham		
Annabel Gates	University of Birmingham		
Nadia Karavias	University of Birmingham		
Kim Hambleton	University of Birmingham		
Sanna Nordin	University of Birmingham		
Anna Lea	University of Birmingham		
Anna Lewis	University of Birmingham		
Rachel Hares	University of Birmingham		
Jenni Goodman	University of Birmingham		
Karen Plant	University of Bristol		
Ffion Davies	University of Bristol		
Clare Stevinson	University of Bristol		
Katherine Scott	University of Bristol		
Hannah Burt	University of Glasgow		
Fiona MacGilvary	University of Glasgow		
Katriona Wray	University of Glasgow		
Jane Pottie	University of Glasgow		
Katie Malloch	University of Glasgow		
Heather Wright	University of Glasgow		
Zoe Hughes	University of Gloucestershire		
Helen Keevil	University of Hertfordshire		
Caroline Bullard	University of London		
Tamsin Lew is	University of London		
Anna Chomse	University of Oxford		
Helen Pawson	University of Oxford		
Jennifer Broadbent	University of Oxford		
Karen Kerrigan	University of Oxford		
Daisy Mitchell	University of Oxford		
Laura Sheen	University of Oxford		
Sarrah Kaye	University of Oxford		
Jess Hudson	University of Oxford		
Charlotte Miles	University of Oxford		
Linda Strette	University of New castle		
Erly Hooper	University of Nottingham		
Claire Hodgson	University of Nottingham		
Kate Masters	University of Nottingham		
Amy Lyndh	University of Nottingham		

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List of Entries - Ladies

Pentathlon

Name	Institution
Sally Hopkins	Brighton University
Verity Allin	Brocken Hurst College
Heather Fell	Brunel University
Leah Walland	Cambridge University
Laura Davidson	Cambridge University
Jo Weetman	Cambridge University
Ailanore Harper	Cambridge University
Nicky Brooks	Cambridge University
Andrea Mason	Middlesex University
Samantha Austreng	Totton College
Mhairi Spence	University of Bath
Katy Livingston	University of Bath
Louise Helyer	University of Bath
Rachel Hares	University of Birmingham
Jenni Goodman	University of Birmingham
Hannah Burt	University of Glasgow
Fiona MacGilvary	University of Glasgow
Katriona Wray	University of Glasgow
Jane Pottie	University of Glasgow
Katie Malloch	University of Glasgow
Heather Wright	University of Glasgow
Zoe Hughes	University of Gloucestershire
Helen Keevil	University of Hertfordshire
Caroline Bullard	University of London
Tamsin Lew is	University of London
Anna Chomse	University of Oxford
Helen Pawson	University of Oxford
Jennifer Broadbent	University of Oxford
Karen Kerrigan	University of Oxford
Daisy Mitchell	University of Oxford
Laura Sheen	University of Oxford
Sarrah Kaye	University of Oxford
Jess Hudson	University of Oxford
Charlotte Miles	University of Oxford
Linda Strette	University of New castle
Erly Hooper	University of Nottingham
Claire Hodgson	University of Nottingham
Kate Masters	University of Nottingham
Amy Lyndh	University of Nottingham
Erly Bright	Guest

Review of the 2003 Biathlon & Student Pentathlon Championships

In its fourth year the Student Pentathlon underwent some changes in 2003. The ride and swim events traded places - the ride being held on the Friday night and the swim becoming the last event on the Saturday evening. Additionally, the BUSA biathlon competition was integrated, raising the number of athletes taking part to 125. Despite some late withdrawals the hefty Oxford and Cambridge contingents (20 and 14 competitors respectively) left the total number of pentathletes taking part at 70. This was slightly fewer than in the last three years, but the same numbers of universities (14) were represented as in 2002, as well as six school sixth forms.

Adding the biathletes to the competition resulted in the return to the competition of athletes from Nottingham and Loughborough universities. Both institutions had been represented by teams at the inaugural Student Pentathlon in 2000 but not since then. Athletes continue to travel great distances to get to the competition. In 2003 there were representatives from Edinburgh, and there was also a team from Trinity College Dublin. Many universities were strongly represented in the biathlon, particularly Birmingham, London, Loughborough and Nottingham. Exeter entered a pentathlon team for the third year in a row and Chester and Manchester universities made their debuts at the competition this year. Bristol, Oxford and Cambridge are the only universities to have fielded teams at the Student Pentathlon every year, and it was great to see the Bristol club back again under the captaincy of the ever cheerful Katie Cheyne. Sian Rees, Cahir King and Justin Yeoman are now the only competitors to have contested every Student Pent.

At the outset of the competition the favourites for the men's and women's pentathlon titles were undoubtedly the former winners

Ben Candy (Oxford, winner in 2001) and Heather Fell (Brunel, winner in 2002 and runner up in 2000). It remained to be seen whether international athletes such as Henry Kruczko (Lord Williams College) and Cahir King (Cambridge) among the men and Caroline Bullard (Royal Veterinary College) and Tina Agnew (Oxford) in the women could put pressure on the favourites. The ride immediately put pay to Agnew's hopes as a difficult horse resulted in a considerable amount of penalties. Kruczko also suffered problems, although to a lesser degree, whilst Candy and Fell negotiated the course safely although neither went clear. The fact that Andrew Stevens and Andrew Culling from the Cambridge A team struggled in the ride made it clear that the team event was going to be contested by Oxford and Birmingham, along with the challenge of Oakhampton College sixth formers Georgina Geike, Laura and Sarah Gomersall.

On the Saturday morning the men fenced and women shot before swapping over. In the women's shoot Laura Wiggins was surprisingly beaten, posting 'only' 177 to compare to her record of 185 from the previous year. Georgie Geike won with an impressive 182, but the rest of the field lay considerably behind these two; Heather Fell, Sam Austreng (South Wiltshire Grammer), the Gomersall twins and Celia Tymons (Manchester) all scored in the mid to high 160s. In the women's fence Wiggins and Fell again placed second and third, but were this time bettered by Ainsly Switzer (Exeter) who won with 1144 points, dropping five hits. Only one hit separated each of the placings from Switzer in first to Sarah Gomersall in fourth. Jenni Goodman (Birmingham) in fifth scored 1000 points exactly to keep her in contention overall. Going into the physical events Wiggins lead by 200 points from Fell, with the

Gomersalls and Goodman not far behind. These five lead most of the rest of the field by a considerable margin, although Sabrina Verjee (Oxford) and Laura Davidson (Cambridge) had scored over 2900 for their skills triathlon.

In the men's fence Andy Culling dropped only two hits to score 1224, equalling his record of the previous year. Candy, King and Alex Rothman (Oxford) also scored over 1000 points. The less experienced pentathletes Dara-Sean Gibbons (Trinity College Dublin) and Andy McRobbie (Edinburgh) also finished towards the top end of the field. There was not as much high scoring in the men's shoot as there had been in the women's, although this was possibly due to shooting after having fenced. Kruczko won comfortably with 175 followed by King with 168. Rothman and Candy shot poorly by their own high standards carding 163 and 160 respectively, with Matthew Gisborne (Oxford) also scoring 163. That the Oxford A team had come third, fourth and fifth in the men's shoot however, was indicative of a consistency that was threatening the team title. Going into the physical events King lead by 150 points from Candy, with Rothman and Kruczko close behind. Following these four at some distance a close mid-field battle was being fought by the remaining Oxbridge men, as well as Gibbons and Nigel Purcell from Trinity College and Matthew Graham-Brown (Birmingham).

The addition of the biathletes doubled the size of the field for the physical events, but it was a credit to the organisers of the run and the swim that both passed smoothly. The atmosphere of so many athletes and supporters made for entertaining sport, and the competition was graced with some outstanding individual performances. Both the men's and the women's runs were won by similar scores. South Bank University's Simon Marwood ran an

impressive 9min 23secs on a course that was soft underfoot. Scoring 1144 points he finished just over ten seconds faster than second placed Clayton Payne (Loughborough). Catherine Hare (Loughborough) scored 1140 points for her 10min 45secs; she was a very comfortable 45 seconds ahead of her nearest rival, Caroline Bullard. The pentathletes performed well in the women's run. Bullard, Fell, the Gomersalls, Geike, Sian Rees (Exeter) and Leah Walland (Cambridge) all ran under 13 minutes and placed in the top dozen of the women's field. Loughborough biathletes however placed first, third, fourth and fifth and already had a stranglehold on the women's biathlon team prize. In the men's run the top nine places were all taken by biathletes in under ten minutes, with the Loughborough men's team also looking ominously strong. Alex Baxter (Oxford) was the first pentathlete home in 10mins 8secs, Richard Bowdler (Oxford) was the second and also ran under 10mins 30secs.

Going into the swim Heather Fell led by 64 points from Sarah Gomersall. Laura Gomersall and Lorna Wiggins had dropped back whilst Caroline Bullard and Ruth Jones (Oxford) had closed up on the minor placings after good runs. In the men King led by over 140 points, which seemed like it might be enough for him to secure the individual title over Ben Candy. Rothman and Kruczko were still only marginally behind Candy, with Baxter now leading the fight for fifth place after his impressive run; Gisborne, Graham-Brown and Justin Yeoman (Oxford, runner up in 2002) were close behind.

The swim was contested in mixed heats, and as a result of the large field all the heats produced close races. While some sterling personal bests were achieved by some of those towards the bottom of the field, there was an anxious wait to see if Candy could manage to overhaul King for the men's title. Heather Fell, as expected, swam under 2:20 achieving a massive score of 1252 and comfortably retained her title in the process. The

standard of swimming at the top end of the field was incredibly impressive. Heather was barely the quickest female pentathlete in the pool, as Birmingham's Rachel Hares was only half a second behind her. In fact eleven women broke 2 mins 30secs, including the Gomersall twins, Bullard and Jones. The winner of the women's swim, however, was Nancy Douglas, also from Birmingham, who swam 2:15.49, a score of 1296, tantalizingly close to 1300. Alice Hector (Loughborough) also broke 2.20 and her team mates were not far behind as the Loughborough women secured the women's team biathlon prize with aplomb.

Although the fastest women had been high scoring, the men were not to be out done as thirty men swam 2.30 or under. However Cahir King's 2.30, which was slightly disappointing by his standards, left the door open for Ben Candy to snatch victory in the pentathlon and regain the title he had won in 2001. Iain MacLeod (Oxford) was the only other pentathlete to feature among the sub 2.30 swimmers. The male biathletes swam some stunning times - Mike Augur (Nottingham), Gavin Noble (Stirling), Michael Corners (Birmingham), Andrew Day (Gloucestershire) all swam sub 2:10, but it was left to Dan Mikulskis to end on the swim on the highest note with a 1:59.22 swim (1372 points).

In the women's biathlon Loughborough swept all before them, finishing as comfortable team winners and with Catherine Hare (whose run had proved decisive) and Alice Hector in first and second places individually. Caroline Bullard and Heather Fell prevented a Loughborough clean sweep by finishing third and fourth ahead of Estelle Damant, the third Loughborough team member, while in sixth was Gemma Horne, also from Loughborough. London came second in the women's team event, a considerable distance behind Loughborough, but comfortably ahead of Newcastle in third.

In the men's biathlon the runners Marwood and Payne dropped down to seventh and fifth respectively after the swim. The

swim's winner, Mikulskis, came fourth, whilst the silver and bronze medal positions were only separated by 0.15 seconds' difference in their swims after both Augur and Noble finished on exactly the same score, the silver going to Augur. It was the consistent Michael Corners however, who had come third in both run and swim, who was the men's biathlon champion. Lee Thornhill's sixth place helped Loughborough to cement their team victory, even though they had been denied individual honours. Nottingham pushed them reasonably close coming second ahead of Birmingham in third.

In the women's pentathlon Fell's swim moved her comfortably clear of the field to take her second title, whilst Caroline Bullard's impressive physicals were enough to split the Gomersall twins, Sarah finishing second and Laura fourth. These four were some way clear of the rest of the field which was lead by Lorna Wiggins followed by the Oxford duo of Ruth Jones and Sabrina Verjee with Sian Rees also scoring over 4000 points in eighth. In the men's event the entertaining dual between Candy and King had ended with a victory for Ben Candy, who like Fell claimed his second title. Alex Rothman shaded third place by a mere four points from Henry Kruczko and less than fifty points separated Gisborne, Baxter and Graham-Brown in fifth to seventh places.

The team event had been between the Oxford men and the Oakhampton women, but the consistency of Candy, Rothman and Gisborne overcame Geike and the Gomersalls, although if Georgina had got round the ride with fewer incidents then the final result would have been much closer. The fight for third place was extremely close however, with only six points separating Birmingham in third from Oxford C in fourth, with Oxford B a little further behind in sixth. Oxford's first three teams finished ahead of the first Cambridge team in seventh, an interesting portent for the Varsity Match three weeks later.

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