

= The Boat Race 1967 =

The 113th Boat Race took place on 30 March 1967 . Held annually , the event is a side @-@ by @-@ side rowing race between crews from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge along the River Thames . The race was won by Oxford by three @-@ and @-@ a @-@ quarter @-@ lengths . Goldie won the reserve race while Cambridge won the Women 's Boat Race .

= = Background = =

The Boat Race is a side @-@ by @-@ side rowing competition between the University of Oxford (sometimes referred to as the " Dark Blues ") and the University of Cambridge (sometimes referred to as the " Light Blues ") . The race was first held in 1829 , and since 1845 has taken place on the 4 @.@ 2 @-@ mile (6 @.@ 8 km) Championship Course on the River Thames in southwest London . The rivalry is a major point of honour between the two universities , followed throughout the United Kingdom and broadcast worldwide . Oxford went into the race as reigning champions , having won the previous year 's race by three @-@ and @-@ three @-@ quarter lengths . Cambridge , however , held the overall lead with 61 victories to Oxford 's 50 (excluding the " dead heat " of 1877) .

The first Women 's Boat Race took place in 1927 , but did not become an annual fixture until the 1960s . Until 2014 , the contest was conducted as part of the Henley Boat Races , but as of the 2015 race , it is held on the River Thames , on the same day as the men 's main and reserve races . The reserve race , contested between Oxford 's Isis boat and Cambridge 's Goldie boat has been held since 1965 . It usually takes place on the Tideway , prior to the main Boat Race .

The race was umpired by George Douglas " Jock " Clapperton who had coxed Oxford in the 1923 and 1924 races as well as umpiring in the 1959 boat race .

Cambridge 's coaching team included Norman Addison (rowed for Cambridge in the 1939 race) , James Crowden (1951 and 1952 races) , David Jennens (1949 , 1950 and 1951 races) , Mike Muir @-@ Smith (1964 race) , Mike Nicholson (non @-@ rowing boat club president for the 1947 race) , J. R. Owen (1959 and 1960 races) and M. Wolfson while Oxford 's comprised Hugh " Jumbo " Edwards (rowed for Oxford in the 1926 and 1930 races) and Ronnie Howard (1957 and 1959 races) .

= = Crews = =

The Cambridge crew weighed an average of 13 st 11 lb (87 @.@ 3 kg) , 1 @.@ 75 pounds (0 @.@ 8 kg) per rower more than their opponents . Oxford 's crew containing three former Blues in Martin Kennard , Chris Freeman and Jock Mullard , while Cambridge saw bow @-@ man Lindsay Henderson and Patrick Delafield return . Oxford 's American number four , Josh Jensen , was the heaviest oarsman in the history of the race at 15 st 4 lb (96 @.@ 8 kg) . The former Cambridge Blue Donald Legget , writing in The Observer suggested that the Light Blue crew was " possibly their fastest ever " , but nevertheless predicted a two @-@ length victory for Oxford .

= = Race = =

Oxford won the toss for the third successive year and elected to start from the Surrey station , handing the Middlesex side of the river to Cambridge . The race commenced at 1.17pm. Despite the conditions favouring the Light Blues , Oxford were ahead from the start and led by two seconds the Mile Post in a record @-@ equalling time of 3 minutes 47 seconds . According to Legget , Cambridge " were untidy and rather rushed " . Near Harrods Furniture Depository , the crews nearly clashed oars , but Oxford held firm and reached Hammersmith Bridge with a three @-@ second lead . Rounding the corner , Cambridge chose to stay on the tide , while Oxford headed for shelter towards the Surrey shore . The Light Blues reduced the lead marginally but by Chiswick Steps , Oxford were six seconds ahead and moved back to the Middlesex shore , with Cambridge resolute

in midstream . Oxford briefly left the shelter of the shoreline to shoot Barnes Bridge through the centre arch , before heading back , with a lead of eight seconds . Despite pushing their rating to 36 strokes per minute , Cambridge could not reduce the deficit , and as Oxford accelerated to a rating of 38 , they passed the finishing post three @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half lengths ahead , in a time of 18 minutes 52 seconds . It was the first time in 54 years that Oxford had won three consecutive Boat Races . Upon the conclusion of the race , the Oxford boat club president Mullard hailed his coaches from the boat : " Thanks Ronnie , thanks Jumbo " .

In the reserve race , Cambridge 's Goldie beat Oxford 's Isis by two lengths and five seconds , their inaugural victory on the third running of the contest , in a time of 19 minutes 11 seconds . In the 22nd running of the Women 's Boat Race , Cambridge triumphed , their fifth consecutive victory .