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THE 'VARSITY CHESS MATCH.

OXFORD'S VICTORY YESTERDAY.

At the British Chess yesterday the Blues met for their annual contest, this being the twenty-fifth match between Oxford and Cambridge, and up to the present the scores are 15 to 9 in favour of Cambridge. In 1895 and 1896 the Oxonians succeeded in winning, and yesterday they scored the third successive win. Play commenced at two p.m., and continued till six p.m. The first finished game was at Board No. 1, between Mr. Spencer-Churchill and Mr. E. A. Crowley, in which the Oxonian had the move, and keeping his initial advantage to the end, Mr. Churchill scored the first point for Oxford. At Board No. 2 Oxford were again to the fore, Mr. E. Lawton securing the best of a pretty game against Mr. Naish. This gave a lead of two points, but by good play the Cantabs equalized soon after, scoring at Boards 4 and 5, the latter being a well-conducted defence to the Evans Gambit, in which Mr. MacLean finally prevailed. The next game was a draw at Board 7, and as Oxford then continued by winning on Board 6, they placed the possibility of losing out of the question. The one remaining game between Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Battersly continued till time was called, and then a draw resulted on adjudication, Oxford thus winning a hard-fought match by 4 to 3.

Oxford.	Score:	Cambridge.	
E.G. Spencer (Magdalen)	1	E.A. Crowley (Trinity)	0
E. Lawton (Corpus)	1	W.J. Naish (Emmanuel)	0
R.A. Jenkins (Brasenose)	½	R. Battersly (St. Catherine's)	½
G. Fraser (Corpus)	0	C.F.C. Tattersall (Trinity)	1
A.H.W. George (New)	0	L. MacLean (King's)	1
G.H. Stoker (Corpus)	1	A.L. Stainer (St. Catherine's)	0
R. Hancock (Exeter)	½	A. Fotheringham (Emmanuel)	½
	4		3

The Record Since 1873

1873. Oxford won by	10 to 3	1882. Oxford won by	6½ to 3½
1874. Cambridge won by	15 to 5	1887. Cambridge won by	7 to 5
1875. Cambridge won by	11 to 6	1888. Oxford won by	7½ to 2½
1876. Oxford won by	12 to 5	1889. Oxford won by	7 to 3
1877. Oxford won by	9 to 3	1890. Cambridge won by	4½ to 3½
1878. Cambridge won by	6½ to 5½	1891. Cambridge won by	5 to 4
1879. Cambridge won by	10 to 2	1892. Cambridge won by	4½ to 1½
1880. Cambridge won by	6½ to 5½	1893. Cambridge won by	6 to 1
1881. Cambridge won by	12 to 1	1894. Cambridge won by	4 to 3
1882. Cambridge won by	7½ to 5½	1895. Oxford won by	4 to 3
1883. Drawn match with	5½ pts each	1896. Oxford won by	4 to 3
1884. Cambridge won by	5½ to 4½	1897. Oxford won by	4 to 3
1885. Cambridge won by	6½ to 5½		