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## **Notes on the University of Bristol Boat Club from Publications 1910 to 1959**

### **University of Bristol Gazette**

*Vol 11 No. 7 July 1910*

Newly formed club. 9 members, training Wednesday and Saturday, afternoons and evenings.

#### Evesham 16th May

University IV beat Pelican RC (London). Pelican led University by 2L at halfway and UBBC pulled through to win by 5 feet.

UBBC lost in semi to Cambridge ARC by • L (eventual winners).

#### 23rd May

Match race against Reading University College at St Anne's (?old Bristol Ariel club). UBBC led after a brisk start by a few feet. At the half mile crews level, with University College eventual winners by 2 • L.

### **The Bristol Nonesuch**

*Vol. 1 No. 1 Feb 1911 Rowing notes P 23.*

Annual subscription to the Union – 1 Guinea!

Match race against Reading to be held at Reading in May – train from Temple Meads at 2.32pm.

Boathouse will be open every afternoon from the end of March from 2pm until dark.

Members are able to join with Bristol Ariel crews for Evesham, Cardiff, Saltford and other regattas.

*June 1911*

Reports Reading won easily.

*June 1912 P. 20.*

During the winter “men turned out fairly regularly on Saturdays for practice”.

#### May 11th Ariel Lady's Day Regatta.

Univ IV won “Chattock”?? Challenge Vase by 3L

Univ Pair won ??”Sinnots” Challenge Vase

June 22nd Univ crews will compete for “Freeman” Challenge Vase and for Jamaica Cup in July.

Engineers to race Medical Students in June.

Match race with Reading scratched. Hoping to race next year against Clifton College Branch of Clifton RC.

## **BIG GAP –FOLLOWS UNTIL 1920**

*March 1920 No. 27 Vol VI P 31*

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Ariel Club - University Section suspended from 1914. The section re-inaugurated.

*No. 28 Vol VII P. 64*

Photo – University Crew – Lady Owen presenting crew with a silk racing flag. Photo faces Page 76.



*June 1921 No. 31 Vol VII P. 208*

UBBC versus University College Reading at Caversham.  
Reading trained in VIIIs for Henley but arranged for a IV.

RN Coote (Str)  
T Fletcher (3)  
MGR Smith (2)  
JC Gent (Bow)  
AM Goulding (Cox)

Distance 5 Furlongs ? Lost by 1L.

*Dec 1921 No 32 Vol VII P 29*

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> "Small" Regatta at St Anne's.  
Clinker VI's won by.....  
Light Pairs JR Riblat and JC Gent  
???Sculls JR Riblat

*March 1922*

Reading match did not take place.

*May 1922*

Match versus Reading at StAnne's – Reading won by 2L

*Dec 1922 No 35 Vol VIII*

Frontispiece – SALT FORD BOATHOUSE!  
P 145-146 – Appeal for boathouse  
P 175 BUBC(!) – First thoughts of acquiring an VIII

*March 1923 No. 36 Vol VIII*

Match race versus Balliol College at Oxford during weekend of Winter Term. ?Faster by 3L.  
Match with Leeds University March 10<sup>th</sup>?

*Nov 1923*

?Move from Saltford by March 1924? Unsure what this means.  
Four categories of oarsmen – A to D (novice). Training 2.45pm to 4.30pm Wednesdays and Saturdays.

*March 1924*

Names of Boats:

Nonesuch  
Bristowe  
Venturer  
Cabot  
Ariel

Capital grant of £150 – trying to obtain tenancy on piece of land at Saltford to erect boathouse.  
All away fixtures cancelled.



*May 1924 P 46*

Women's BC – Meeting to be held Oct 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sculling practice at Saltford Monday and Thursday afternoons.  
BUBC fixtures against Leeds, Balliol, Cardiff and Glasgow

*March 1925*

Frontispiece – BOAT CLUB PICTURE  
P 104 Boat Club – Match versus Balliol last term - Bristol won by •L  
1<sup>st</sup> BUBC Dinner held at the “Corner Hopuse” last term

*June 1925 No 43 Vol X*

Regatta 1925 – Report on P141.  
P173 Women's BC Stopwatch competition – £25 raised.

*Nov 1925 No. 44 Vol X P219*

Hope to buld University Boat House at Saltford and trying to raise £1,000.  
Races:  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Balliol at Oxford  
Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Selwyn College Cambridge at Saltford  
Womens BC Won one event in Jamaica Cup Regatta and entered Bath and Saltford Regattas.

*Feb 1926*

Results.  
vs Balliol –lost by 3L  
vs Selwyn - lost by 3L  
Colours for 1924-5 Season:  
Full: CB Berry, GWR Strickland, JGM Pugsley, PJ Parrot, TJ Hughes  
Half: TJ Lovegrove  
WBC “During the Autumn Term practices were held once a week and members showed their keenness by turning up in all weathers”.

*Nov 1926*

WBC; “Practice Hard” should be our motto.

*March 1927*

After many delays our boathouse is now practically open.  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup> (1926) raced vs Balliol at Saltford. Lost by 3L.  
Clinker IV's PJ Parrot(Bow), A Stewart, JJ Lovegrove, EG Cox (STR) PF Farr (Cox).  
Races coming: vs Leeds Univ, Redcliff Rowing Club, Monmouth Grammar School

*May 1927 No 48 Vol XI P155*

“The boat club will progress more now that it is about to take possession of the new boathouse, in connection with which we are greatly indebted to Mr MacInnes.”  
P1257 Last term 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> crews went to Leeds – both lost.  
Boathouse formal opening expected beginning of new year 1927-28.  
Picture of ?devils in boat



*Nov 1927 No 49 Vol XI*

1st Crew lost by • L to Balliol at Oxford.  
Liverpool University 1<sup>st</sup> to race with UB 2nds at Saltford this season.  
Hope to enter Henley RR this season.  
Thanks Rev HR Barlow (Coach) for “Brookhouse Rischards” Cup for fixed seat rowing. Mr Lawson joins as coach from Pembroke College Cambridge and Leander.

*Spring 1928 No 50*

Hope to enter VIII at HRR. Re-introduc VIIIs to West Country rowing.

*Summer 1928 No 51*

Nil

*Autumn 1928 No 52 Page 41 PICTURE*

Senior IV with trophies. Three wins.  
VIII sent to HRR

*Spring 1929 No 53*

Nil

*Summer 1929 No 55*

“Hoping to uphold the standard set last year, we have an Eight in training for Henley”.  
Rise early and visit Saltford any morning at 7.30am!

*Autumn 1929*

Hope for another VIII to go to Henley.

*Spring 1930 No 56 P 86*

Raced Balliol – dead heat.  
An VII in training for race with Reading which will first race against another university in VIII's

*Summer 1930 No 57*

PICTURE facing P122 “University VII 1930”  
Women trying to erect a boathouse.  
Race against Reading (see Previous) was turned down by Keynsham Rural District Council.

*Autumn 1930 No 58 P43*

“Men's Boat Club has arranged a transport service to the Saltford Boathouse. For a “Season ticket” the cost is one pound and the member is entitled to 20 journeys. The season was opened by a “binge” at the club. It was a popular idea to get Mr Steve Fairburn, the world famous coach, to talk on this occasion.”

*Spring 1931 No 59*

Nil



*Summer 1931*

PICTURE VII at Salford – from Evening Times

*Autumn 1931 No 61 until Summer 1933 No 66*

No articles

*Autumn 1933 No 67*

Results:

1st IV vs S'oton Lost 1L vs Balliol draw

2nd IV vs S'oton won vs Ariel Won

*Spring 1934 No 68*

VIII and three maiden boats in training.

VIII to race S'oton and Kins College London and also HORR 24<sup>th</sup> March 1934

*Summer 1934 No 69 to Spring 1935 No 71*

Nil

*Summer 1935 No 72 P 102*

“after losing several members, early morning rowing had to be ?censured? as being too uncivilised.”

HORR March 30<sup>th</sup> 1935

1st VIII started 63<sup>rd</sup> – Finished 31<sup>st</sup>

2nd VII started 98<sup>th</sup> – Finished 113<sup>th</sup>

?composite crews – check

*Autumn 1935 No 73 and Spring 1936 No 74*

Nil

*Summer 1936 No 75*

Mens BC

1935 Season – Junior IV had 3 regatta wins and 3 finals

Winetr rowing in VIII's.

1st VIII vs Reading – Won at Salford but then attacked by mumps.

1st VIII defeated by S'oton away and by Reading at UAU held at Henley.

6<sup>th</sup> at Head of River at Reading???

HORR 1936 Entry 139 finished 33<sup>rd</sup> in 21mins and 12secs.

*Autumn 1936 No 76*

Active season no victories.

*Spring 1936 No 77 to Autumn 1937 No 79*

Nil

*Spring 1938 No 80*

1st and 2nd VII being run.

Mr MacInnes Chairman and rosk foundation of the Club.



*Summer 1938 No 81 to Autumn 1939 No 85*

Nil

*Autumn 1940 No 86*

Races held Reading and Kings London. IV's versus Cardigg

*Summer 1940 No 87*

Inter-University Regatta at Saltford on Founder's Day.

*No 88 to 90*

Nil

*1940 No 91*

Purchase of new VIII.  
Challenge race with Thames RC – Lost by • L.

*1945 No 92 to May 1955 No 101*

Nil

*1956 May No 102*

1st VII 8th at HORR. Retained UAU for 3rd Year running.

***Then from May 1957 No 103 to No 124 no more sport reports in NONESUCH.***

#### ***Nonesuch News***

*Friday June 9 1950*

HORR April 1st 1st VII 6th of 210 2nd VII 169th

*May 10th 1951*

Headline – “First VII narrowly beaten in UAU Final”  
Held at Reading March 19th over 1 • Miles. Final against Durham Lost by 1 • L 5 mins 9sec.

*1952*

UAU – Lost to Reading in Final by 2L 5 mins 2sec.

*1952 June*

1st VIII coached by Prof Heilbronn competed against Reading and Marlow.



*March 1953*

Headline “Bristol’s Success at HOR”  
20<sup>th</sup> of 76 at Reading HOR

3 VIII’s went to HERR with 1 weeks training at London.  
227 entries  
1<sup>st</sup> VIII 6<sup>th</sup> (20m 10s - started at 54) (1952 – 71<sup>st</sup>)  
2<sup>nd</sup> VIII 109<sup>th</sup> (21m 32s) (1952 161)  
3<sup>rd</sup> VIII 195<sup>th</sup> (22m 40s) (1952 193)

“Due to the rigorous coaching of Dr Keith Stewartson”.

*June 5<sup>th</sup> 1953*

Junior IV’s at Worcester and Hereford.

*Oct 29 1953*

Headline “Women Rowers Stranded” – Women hitching at lift could not get back from Saltford.

*May 13<sup>th</sup> 1954*

PICTURE “UBBC vs French at Saltford” Frontpage  
Boat Club wins UAU  
HERR – 232 entries  
1<sup>st</sup> VIII finished 7<sup>th</sup> 20m 27 sec.  
2<sup>nd</sup> VIII finished 56<sup>th</sup>

*October 1954*

PICTURE “Boat Club at Henley in Thames Cup”  
Coached by Carl Vernon (age 74) of Thames RC.  
Lost in First Round to Reading by 1•L – “went to pieces”.

*May 12 1955*

Wins UAU  
HERR 9<sup>th</sup> of 227 20m 7s.  
Wt average 11St 6• lb

*May 4 1956*

UAU Champions 3<sup>rd</sup> Time  
8<sup>th</sup> at HERR  
PICTURE on Back Page

*May 10 1957*

UAU 4<sup>th</sup> win.

*May 17 1957*

Picture of wining UAU crew