

ROWING AT CAMBRIDGE

The first round of the Magdalene Pairs was decided yesterday in pleasant weather, when two very close races were seen. In the first heat the Pembroke pair beat their opponents by less than a length in the fastest time recorded in this event for some years, and in the second heat the two Blues, Fletcher and Frame-Thomson, gained the victory from the Selwyn pair by the drop of the flag after holding a five seconds' lead at Ditton. The steering of the winning pair, particularly at the start, was not good, but they managed to overcome that disadvantage. The Selwyn effort in Long Reach was meritorious, but this heat was definitely slower than the other one, which indicates Pembroke as the probable winners to-day.

The results were:—

HEAT "A": BACK STATION.—J. H. T. Wilson (Shrewsbury and Pembroke) and N. J. Bradley (Monkton Combe and Pembroke), 1; FRONT STATION.—J. H. C. Powell (Eton and Third Trinity) and J. E. Gilmour (Eton and Trinity Hall), 2. Won by 2 seconds. Time, 7 min. 57 sec.

HEAT "B": FRONT STATION.—C. M. Fletcher (Eton and Third Trinity) and T. Frame-Thomson (Eton and Third Trinity), 1; BACK STATION.—J. C. Wansey (Bristol and Selwyn) and I. W. Greville (Polytechnic and Selwyn), 2. Won by the drop of the flag. No time taken.

The final heat to-day will be between the Pembroke pair and the Third Trinity pair at 2.15 p.m.