**Non Collegiate Racing in the Early Events 1875-1886 of every crew day by day**

before the introduction of the Lents and the Mays.

This extract from the Cambridge University website regarding Non Collegiate is of interest and relevance.

"Not being a member of a College, Non-collegiate students were those attached to the [hostels](https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/university-archives/glossary/hostels) founded in the late nineteenth century with a view to providing less expensive access to the University by an avoidance of college fees. Some of these hostels, like Ayerst Hostel and Cavendish College, disappeared; others, like Selwyn and Fitzwilliam House eventually assumed full collegiate status. Supervision of non-collegiate students was by the [Censor of Non-Collegiate Students](https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/university-archives/glossary/Censor), latterly of Fitzwilliam House only."

There were three divisions. Divisions 1 and 2 rowed in the summer but the 1st division rowed over 6 days and the second division over 4 days. Divisions 2 and 3 rowed in the winter races and both divisions rowed for 4 days. The starting order for the summer races was where the crews ended up at the end of the winter races.

It is assumed that all the Non Collegiate crews were made up of students from all the hostels in Cambridge.

The first record I can find of Non Collegiate racing in these events occurred in 1875. It would appear from the results that the 1876 Non Collegiate crew was an outstanding one as they won their oars in both the winter and the summer races that year.

In 1875 there were 14 crews in the 1st division, 15 in the second division and 12 in the third division making a total of 41 crews.

**1875 Early Races March 9-12**

**Non Collegiate 1st Crew**

Started at the bottom of Division 3, 12th in Division 3, 41st of the 41 on the river

Day 1 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 2 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 3 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 4 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Finished level, at No 12 in Division 3 and 41st of the 41 crews at the bottom of the river

**1876 Early Races March 15-18**

**Non Collegiate 1st Crew**

Started at the bottom of division 3, 12th in Division 3, 41st of the 41 on the river

Day 1 bumped 3rd Trinity 3 in the Gut

Day 2 bumped 2nd Trinity 2 in 1st Post Reach

Day 3 bumped Emmanuel 2 at 1st Post Corner

Day 4 bumped Caius 3

Finished up 4, **winning** **oars**, at No 8 in Division 3 and 37th of the 41 on the river.

It appears that some of the Division 2 crews dropped out after the March races so that a number of Division 3 crews did row in the 2nd division in the May Races and one of these crews was Non Collegiate 1st crew which was given the number 30 to enable them to race in May.

**1876 Early Races May 17-23**

**Non Collegiate 1st Crew**

Started at 1st and only crew in Division 3, as a sandwich boat, 30th of the 41 on the river

Day 1 bumped Downing 1

Day 2 bumped Peterhouse 1

Day 3 bumped Magdalene 1 at the Plough

Day 4 bumped St John's 1

Finished up 4, **winning oars**, at No 12 in Division 2 and 26th of the 41 on the river.

**1877 Early Races March 7-10**

**Non Collegiate 1st Crew**

Started at 11th in Division 2, as a sandwich boat, 25th of the 40 on the river

Day 1 Rowed over

Day 2 Rowed over

Day 3 Rowed over

Day 4 Rowed over

Finished level, at No 11 in Division 2 and 25th of the 40 on the river.

**1877 Early Races May 16-22**

**Non Collegiate 1st Crew**

Started at 11th in Division 2, as a sandwich boat, 25th of the 40 on the river

Day 1 Bumped Christ's 1 at the railway bridge

Day 2 Rowed over

Day 3 Rowed over

Day 4 Rowed over

Finished up 1, at No 10 in Division 2 and 24th of the 40 on the river.

**1878 Spring Races March 13-16**

Non Collegiate 1st VIII

Started 10th in Div 2, 24th of the 40 crews on the river

Day 1 Rowed over

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Day 1 Rowed over

Finished level 10th in Div 2, 24th of the 40 crews on the river

**1878 Summer Races 15th-21st May**

Non Collegiate 1st VIII

Started 10th in Div 2, 24th of the 40 crews on the river

Day 1 Bumped Lady Margaret 3 at the Railway Bridge

Day 2 Rowed over

Day 3 Bumped by Christ's

Day 4 Rowed over

Finished level 10th in Div 2, 24th of the 40 crews on the river

**1879 Spring Races 12-15 March**

Non Collegiate 1st VIII

Started 10th in Div 2, 24th of the 41 crews on the river

Day 1 Bumped by Downing at First Post Corner

Day 2 Bumped by Lady Margaret 3 at First Post Corner

Day 3 Rowed over

Day 4 Bumped by Caius 3 in First Post Reach

Finished down 3, 13th in Div 2 and 27th of the 41 crews on the river

**1879 Summer Races 14-20 May**

Non Collegiate 1st VIII

Started 13th in Div 2 and 27th of the 41 crews on the river

Day 1 Bumped by Magdalene at Grassy Corner

Day 2 Bumped by Christ's at Railway Bridge

Day 3 Bumped by 1st Trinity 6 at Railway Bridge

Day 4 Rowed over at bottom of 2nd division and came off

Finished down 3 to bottom of the river, 1st in Div 3 and 30th of the 41 crews on the river

The crew was removed from these bumps as it was the bottom crew in the Summer Races.

**1880**

Non Collegiate 1st VIII did not row in this event

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**1882**

Non Collegiate 1st VIII did not row in this event

**1883 Winter Races Feb 28, March 1-3**

Non Collegiate 1st VIII

Started 16th or bottom of Division 3 and 45th of the 45 crews on the river

Day 1 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

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Day 4 Bumped Emmanuel 2

Finished up 1, 15th of the 16 in Division 3, 44th of the 45 crews on the river

**1884 Early Races Feb 27-29 & March 1st**

Non Collegiate 1st VIII

The crew were placed bottom of the river

Started 16th in Division 3 and 45th of the 45 crews on the river

Day 1 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 2 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 3 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 4 Roved over at the bottom of the river

Finished level, bottom of Division 3, bottom of the river and No 45 of the 45 crews on the river

**1885 Early Races Feb 25-28**

Non Collegiate 1st VIII

Started 16th in Division 3 and 45th of the 45 crews on the river

Day 1 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 2 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 3 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 4 Roved over at the bottom of the river

Finished level, No 16 and bottom of Division 3 and No 45 of the 45 crews on the river

**1886 Early Races March 3-6**

**Non Collegiate 1st VIII**

Started 16th in Division 3 and 45th of the 45 crews on the river

Day 1 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 2 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 3 Rowed over at the bottom of the river

Day 4 Roved over at the bottom of the river

Finished level, No 16 and bottom of Division 3 and No 45 of the 45 crews on the river

**This the last year of these Early Races.**

1887 saw the start of the Lents and the Mays as separate events