

CAMBODIA HOLDS DUSKY BOAT RACE

Oxford and Cambridge will be surprised to know that Cambodia has held a boatrace for two thousand years. This year the young king of this province of Indo-China had British officers as guests. ~~at the water festival.~~ They were in *Cambodia* ~~the country~~ <sup>attempted</sup> as the result of the rebellion at Saigon. Up country here at Pom Pen crews of scores of boats (30 men to each) were afloat on the Mekong River ~~close to the~~ starting time. Speeding up, boats of each heat were full out when they passed the starter flag.

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(~~After~~ drum) 700 square miles of Cambodia are flooded each year by the June rains. ~~When the water rises the people~~ ~~hold this festival.~~ More than 2,000 years ago the floods ruined the land. Since then ~~the~~ Cambodians have held the festival to mark escape from that calamity.