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They lined the towpath eight deep in places for the 1943 Varsity Boat Race, *while the hawkers did a roaring trade with favours*

The Oxford crew were the first to bring their boat out; then they ~~shouldered~~ <sup>carried</sup> it down to the water.

Cambridge followed a few minutes later.

~~Meanwhile the towpath was alive with visitors, the majority having slogged it on bicycles-- while hawkers did a roaring trade with favours.~~

The race was rowed over a  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mile course from Sandford-on-Thames to Radley College boat house.

Oxford won the toss and chose the Oxon side, but the course was a fairly straight one so this did not avail very much.

The teams got off to a good start on a stream that had subsided since the previous day.

A surprising burst of speed at the start gave Oxford a lead which they never lost.

It was an excellent race throughout and all oarsmen were upright at the finish when Oxford were leading.

The home crew held the laurels of the day, beating Cambridge by  $\frac{1}{2}$  a length in the time of 4 mins, 49 seconds.