

Tideway in full flow

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Tideway Scullers retained their title at the Fuller's Head of the River Fours on the Thames with a convincing 12-second win over traditional rivals Leander Club. Stroked by Slovenia's Olympic and world champion Iztok Cop, and backed by world champion sculler Mahe Drysdale of New Zealand and Britain's Alan Campbell and Mike Hennessy, the course-record holders unsurprisingly dominated the field over the four-and-quarter-mile Tideway course.

Their battle against Britain's Olympic-team scullers Steve Rowbotham, Matt Wells, Mark Hunter and Ian Lawson demonstrated their class as they left the third-place quadruple a further 28 seconds back.

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There was consolation for Leander as they won the coxless fours. Molesey stroked by Andy Hodge, took the cox event. In the battle of the Blues, Cambridge produced a quick second placed coxless four while Oxford's Isis squad were third and fourth in the cox division The two Blues universities are pretty even at this stage in their preparations for the Boat Race in five months' time. Cambridge produced a quick second-place coxless four while Oxford's Isis squad were third and fourth in the cox division.