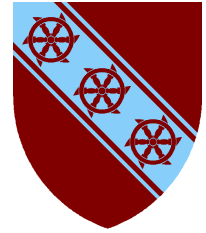




St Catherine's College Rowing Society
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In this issue . . .

As the results section shows, there was a lot of racing in May. Eights, for Catz, went better than last year and was going particularly well for the women — until the Saturday. We have the Captains' reports. The winner of this year's Ben Sylvester Award was announced by the RS Chairman on the Saturday of Eights. There are news items from alumni, including a couple sent as apologies for absence from this year's Gaudy (and associated paddle), and finally what our four alumni currently rowing as senior internationals have been up to. I'm afraid all that left no room for my planned article on the Boat Club of 60 years ago.

Results

Bedford Amateur Regatta, 10th May

<i>Women's College Eights, 8 entries</i>			
Round 1	lost to King's Coll. (Cam)	2½	L
<i>Women's Novice Eights, 8 entries</i>			
SemiF	beat Trinity Coll. (Oxf)	3	L
Final	lost to Reading RC	1	L

Rowing World Cup I, Munich, 9th–11th May

Ante Kusurin (M.06)	CRO 2x	4th
Bastien Ripoll (M.05)	FRA 8+	5th
Andy Triggs Hodge (M.04)	GBR 4–	1st
Colin Smith (M.03)	GBR 8+	2nd



The women's 1st Eight warming up at Bedford Regatta.

Rowing On, 15th May

Top 25 crews to qualify			
Men's III	3:09	24th/40*	Rowed On
Men's IV	3:23	34th/40	Failed
Women's II	3:25	7th/41	Rowed On
Women's III	3:49	27th/41	Failed

*tied for last qualifying place but won race-off

Isis Winter League, 18th May

100 crews racing	overall	class	
Men's II	4:43	24th	24th/51 Men's VIIIs
Women's I	5:03	41st	1st/44 Women's VIIIs



The boathouses on the Saturday of Eights.

Eights 21st–24th May

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Finish
Men's I	+1	=	=	=	7th Div I
Women's I	+1	+1	+1	-1	3rd Div II
Men's II	=	=	=	=	4th Div IV
Women's II	+1	+1	+1	=	10th Div IV
Men's III	-1	=	-1	-1	4th Div VII

Rowing World Cup II, Lucerne, 30May–1June

Bastien Ripoll (M.05)	FRA 8+	7th
Colin Smith (M.03)	GBR 4–	8th

Eights 2008 Bumps Charts

MEN	WED THU FRI SAT	WOMEN	WED THU FRI SAT
I MAGDALEN PEMBROKE BALLIOL ORIEL UNIVERSITY CHRIST CHURCH KEBLE ST CATHERINE'S EXETER HERTFORD S.E.H. WORCESTER		I S.E.H. CHRIST CHURCH PEMBROKE SOMERVILLE OSLER-GREEN WADHAM HERTFORD BALLIOL NEW COLLEGE MERTON MAGDALEN ST HILDA'S	
II NEW COLLEGE WADHAM QUEEN'S TRINITY ST ANNE'S ST JOHN'S BRASENOSE WOLFSON LINCOLN JESUS ST PETER'S MERTON		II KEBLE ST JOHN'S QUEEN'S ST CATHERINE'S UNIVERSITY EXETER WORCESTER LINACRE WOLFSON LINCOLN ST ANNE'S	
III MANSFIELD PEMBROKE II L.M.H. MAGDALEN II LINACRE CORPUS CHRISTI CHRIST CHURCH II NEW COLLEGE II ST HUGH'S UNIVERSITY II SOMERVILLE KEBLE II		III ST HUGH'S BRASENOSE TRINITY CORPUS CHRISTI L.M.H. MANSFIELD ST ANTONY'S PEMBROKE II JESUS WADHAM II ST PETER'S CHRIST CHURCH II	
IV ORIEL II S.E.H. II EXETER II ST CATHERINE'S II ST ANTONY'S WORCESTER II WADHAM II ST JOHN'S II HERTFORD II OSLER-GREEN QUEEN'S II TRINITY II		IV LINACRE II S.E.H. II WOLFSON II ST JOHN'S II HERTFORD II MERTON II ST HILDA'S II WORCESTER II REGENT'S PARK MAGDALEN II ORIEL II	
V BALLIOL II ST BENET'S HALL JESUS II BRASENOSE II MERTON II MAGDALEN III ST PETER'S II ST ANNE'S II PEMBROKE III JESUS III QUEEN'S III REGENT'S PARK		V ST CATHERINE'S II KEBLE II QUEEN'S II OSLER-GREEN II BALLIOL II ST JOHN'S III UNIVERSITY II ST ANNE'S II WADHAM III ST HUGH'S II JESUS I NEW COLLEGE III	
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VII ST CATHERINE'S III ORIEL III HERTFORD III ST JOHN'S IV WOLFSON III ORIEL IV EXETER III L.M.H. II WORCESTER III BALLIOL III SOMERVILLE II JESUS IV MAGDALEN IV			

Women's Boat Club Report

Lucy Rowland, Women's Captain

Trinity term got off to a good start with our usual training camp which most of W1 attended. The good weather allowed six to seven water sessions a week, which consolidated all of the hard work W1 have done all year. This was especially helped with the occasional sessions from the Blues coxes Colin and Dane. Part way through the term we took part in Bedford Regatta. This gave us some great experience; we did well, but unfortunately were knocked out by Reading University in final of the novice event. W1 have worked really hard this term and this showed on the first few days of Eights. Unfortunately a second set of blades was denied by a crash on the last day due to the wind.

W2 have also had a great term and proved that they were one of the strongest second boats on the river. The first three days in Eights they managed to bump well before Donny' Bridge, but were denied blades by the two crews in front of them bumping out on the last day. However they still put in a good fight closing on the next crew to a boat length despite the huge gap.

This term the Catz women, managed to get a third, 'cocktail' boat together. Despite being unable to qualify for Eights they put in loads of effort and had great fun whilst rowing.

I am very proud of all the girls who have rowed at Catz this term and owe them all massive thanks for making my captaincy a great experience. I am also sure that many of these girls will continue to do great things for rowing at Catz next year.

Men's Boat Club Report

Tim Monger-Godfrey, Men's Captain

The term started with the successes of Torpids fresh in the minds of the crews, and training began immediately after the Easter break. A varied mix of land-based and on the water training sessions ensured that the men's 1st and 2nd VIIIs were able to build upon the work that had been put in over the past two terms, and the crews strength and technical abilities improved rapidly. M1 was fortunate to be joined by three University rowers: Jan Herzog, Martin Walsh and Anthony Mullin; and squad cox, Dane van den Akker. This line-up gave M1 a huge boost, and the presence of these rowers enabled everyone in the crew to perform their best. M2 was also joined by two Blues coxes, Nick Brodie and Colin Groshong, who rowed.



The women's 2nd Eight after bumping on the Friday.



The men's 2nd Eight being hard-pressed by St Antony's on Wednesday — they escaped and ended up rowing over all four days

By the time Summer Eights arrived, we were able to field four men's VIIIs, including the beer boat. Unfortunately, M4 did not qualify (but seemed to enjoy themselves immensely), and M3 had a tie with Hugh's M3 for the last qualifying place. A side by side race was deemed the only fair decider, and Catz M3 dominated, taking over 3 lengths during the course of the race. Unfortunately, that was the most successful race of Summer Eights for M3, who had four days of tough racing against much more experienced crews. M2 held their place, racing exceptionally well, coming close to bumping on several of the days. M1 were able to bump Keble rapidly off the start on Wednesday, resulting in a chase for Univ each day after. We were unfortunately unable to catch them during Summer Eights, but managed to hold off a very fast Hertford Boat, moving up once place overall.

In what has been a very successful year for SCCBC, it is with great pride that I hand over the position of captain to Toby Smyth, who I am sure will carry on the successes we have achieved. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity, and would like to thank all the crews, coaches and support that have helped me over the past year. I wish Toby, Catherine Wherity, and the rest of the SCCBC committee the best of luck for the upcoming year.

Ben Sylvester Award

A Benjamin F. Sylvester, Jr medal will be given annually to the member of the Boat Club who has most significantly contributed to enhancing the rowing life of St Catherine's College, Oxford.

James Dunbar was announced as the winner of the 2008 award. Dane van den Akker *proxime accessit*.

2008 St Catherine's Eights

Men's 1st Eight

B Christian Toennesen
2 Tim Monger-Godfrey
3 James Dunbar
4 Anthony Mullin
5 Martin Walsh
6 Jan Herzog
7 Malcolm Spencer
S Nick Szmigin
C Dane van den Akker

Women's 1st Eight

B Clare Wilcockson
2 Maria Palacios
3 Alex Winstanley
4 Caroline Woffindale
5 Laura Newton
6 Catherine Wherity
7 Kathryn Hernandez
S Lucy Rowland
C Kim Harley

Men's 2nd Eight

B David Longworth
2 Toby Smyth
3 Harry Forman-Hardy
4 Will Gregory
5 Sam Boaden
6 Rob Gerlach
7 Colin Groshong
S Nick Brodie
C Viki Sena

Women's 2nd Eight

B Amy Carr
2 Claire Carpenter
3 Helena Moore
4 Hannah Buckley
5 Jenny Caswell
6 Sarah Boddy
7 Laura Kilbride
S Jessica Harm
C Zoe Thomas

Men's 3rd Eight

B Dan Nicolae
2 Rob Moore
3 Dan Hudson
4 David Morabito
5 Sharif Shawki
6 Alex Kissinger
7 Andrew Gorang
S Jameson Williams
C Tim Monger-Godfrey

Women's 3rd Eight

B Viki Sena
2 Emma-Jane Tritton
3 Lindsay Weare
4 Wei Jen
5 Caroline Barker
6 Kirsty Bell
7 Carly Leighton
S Lucy Tester
C Amy Carr

Men's 4th Eight

B Jack Robinson
2 Andrew Bremner
3 Peter Jones
4 Niall Westley
5 Sean Mackenzie
6 Matthew Perrins
7 Ryan Taylor
S Dane van den Akker
C Tim Monger-Godfrey



James Dunbar

Those who nominated James for the award have said of him: 'He has not only done an outstanding job as treasurer but has coached, subbed and on one occasion even tried to cox for any crew who has needed help', that he has 'shown commitment above and beyond his role on the committee' and has been 'helping out wherever it was needed. A constant face throughout the 3 terms'. And I know of several alumni would probably also want to add their thanks for organising this year's kit order.

News from Alumni

Robert Trythall (M.80) At the ripe old age of 46, I have become a Dad for the first time. Rory James Trythall born on the 20th May weighing in at 4.41kg (9lbs 11½oz for those of you in old money). Shona and Rory doing well, especially now that Robert has gone back to work . . .

Helen Barnes (M.96) [from Johannesburg, apologies for missing the Gaudy, but . . .] I'm about to row the 25k Vaal Long Row with a crew of almost total novices (!?) and I'm getting married in the UK in September.

Paul Halfpenny (M.97) Rather ironically, rowing commitments look like preventing me from coming to the Gaudy.

The Swiss Championships are on 5/6 July and it is likely I will have to row in our elite eight and masters 2x over that weekend. Have won Gold in the masters double in 2006 and 2007 so going for a hat trick, it gets more difficult though as younger crews are coming along. The best we can hope for in the eight is bronze and the last time we managed that was 2006 which needed a time of 5:54 — will be very happy if we can repeat that.

I am organising a Sprint regatta in the harbour in Geneva for the third year in a row — we had 50,000 spectators last year (not just for the rowing it must be said). Newcastle Uni won last year — we have Moscow and Leander coming this year! I am not expecting to win that.

James Darbyshire (M.98) I have now returned to London, where I am working as corporate lawyer with SJ Berwin, and enjoying reading friends' updates on facebook. However, living out in east London, I'm no longer closely involved with rowing, other than getting on the banks for the Boat Race.

Darren Chadwick (M.03) I decided that a little more education would be a good idea, so I've been at Imperial College doing a Master in Environmental Technology this last year. I've set up an Environmental Consulting firm (Brite Green) having specialised in Environment and Business, and am currently working for a private equity firm in London Bridge developing a climate change strategy for a power company they own, who work solely in developing countries.

I've done a little bit of rowing over the last few years. I did Henley with the Black Sheep last year, but we didn't manage to qualify. I've done some stuff with IC this year too, but work has been a little too intense to really do much more than recreational rowing. I am on the RS committee though and have

been working throughout the year to organise events for the boat club and alumni, including a London Party at IC's boathouse, a post-eights party for the club this year and have plans to develop these further next year.

International Rowing

Four of our alumni have been racing in the World Cup Regattas this season (results on first page). In Munich, Colin Smith and Bastien Ripoll (both members of the 2006 Catz 1st Eight) lined up alongside each other in the stroke seats of the GB and French boats in the eights' final. Andy Triggs Hodge stroked the winning GB coxless four and Ante Kusurin was in the Croatian double scull.

In the second round in Lucerne, Bastien Ripoll once again stroked the French eight but Colin Smith was moved into the GB four, subbing for the injured ATH.

Everyone should be back in their usual seats for Poznan, although the French Eight will be concentrating on the Olympic Qualification Regatta (15–18th June) while the other three (all in boats which have already qualified for Beijing) will be in the World Cup proper (20–22nd June).

The rowing events in the Olympic Games will be from 9–17th August.

Gaudy Paddle

Those of you attending this year's Gaudy on Saturday 28th June (for those who matriculated between 1996–2002), and anyone else who happens to be around, are invited to come for a paddle beforehand, probably around 4pm. Contact me if you're interested so I can organise boats and spares. If anyone requests it, I can try something similar for the alumni weekend (19–21 September).

Coming Up . . .

In the next newsletter there will be a round up of the summer's racing and a look at the Boat Club of 5 years ago. Contributions to the News from Alumni section always welcome, and I'll be sending out a reminder to those of you on the e-mail list nearer the time.

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Diary

28 June 2008	Gaudy Paddle
9–17 August 2008	Olympic Regatta
19–21 September 2008	Alumni Weekend