

Henley Royal Regatta, Ironbridge & Peterborough J14 Championships



Parents Association Notice

The KSRCPA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Boathouse pub at 7:30 pm on 6th September 2010.

At the AGM the Officers for the year 2010/11 will be appointed and the audited Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2010 will be presented and approved.

All parents of rowers are welcome to attend.

Harry's Perspective...

A year of rowing has nearly come to its end for 2010. The highlight of the year for many schools and rowing clubs was the National Schools Regatta, held at Nottingham on the Holme Pierpoint Lake. The event spanned over three days, each starting with heats in the morning, and working to the finals in the evening.

Friday saw the J14's first taste of National Schools', with some excellent performances all round, including a bronze medal for the WJ14 quad. The boys' octuples also put forward promising performances, both coming fourth in J14 'A' octuples and J14 'B' octuples respectively.

The following day saw a vast number of the school's crews competing. Despite some disappointing times for the J16's (5th), the Girls 1st VIII (7th) and the 1st VIII (10th), the J15 2nd VIII shone for King's, reeling in a well deserved gold medal in a dominated race. This shows some great potential for the senior squad in years to come. The J15 1st VIII came 5th in their final race, in a tough competition with no room for error. The J15 Girls VIII got the 9th fastest time of their event, and the J15 coxed four unfortunately came 18th, despite their efforts in the processional. It was a great day of racing, with some really pleasing results and some things to watch out for next year.

The Sunday saw the King's School's Boys 1st VIII, J16 VIII and Girls 1st VIII split into fours. The Championship coxless four took home a silver medal, just a length behind Eton College, while the Championship coxed four took the bronze, again finishing behind two solid Etonian crews. The J16 'A' IV proceeded through the stages to finish in fourth place in the final, putting forward a pleasing performance, but the J16 'B' IV were knocked out of the processional. The Girls J16 IV got through the processional, but were unfortunately outraced for a spot in the final in a tight competition between third and fourth, rowing over the line in fourth position.

National Schools saw some great performances through the year groups, promising for further successes later on in their King's rowing careers, but not without lessons to be learnt. It has been an educational regatta for the 1st VIII's, who will go on to race at Henley and Women's Henley, but also a positive end to a hard year's work for the whole of the club.

Harry Brightmore – Senior Squad '10

Weekend Results

Henley Women's Regatta: The Girls 1st VIII exited the School eights event at the quarter final stage after a passion fuelled dual against Buckingham, Brown and Nickal school of the USA. Racing at lunchtime on the second day of the regatta, Saturday, the girls VIII took an early lead against the Americans. Approaching the famous barrier marker, two minutes into the race, the Americans drew level and challenged the King's crew. Battling hard through the middle section of the course, the crews enthralled the crowds as the King's crew tried to respond to the Americans pushes. By the finish the result was a 2 length victory to the Americans, however the King's crew had shown great pride and put up a fantastic fight against the heavily favoured American crew in the first year that an VIII from the school had competed and many lessons were learnt on the day by the crew.

At Marlow regatta, the boys J15 VIII produced their first poor result of the season being eliminated in the heats of the J15 VIII's competition. The school 1st VIII, in what is their preparation race for Henley showed some encouraging form as they progressed to the final of their senior eights competition through the repechage. The crew came in an excellent third position in the final and showed some of the increasingly positive form which had been evident in some of the earlier season races. Encouraging signs as the crew prepare in the build up to Henley and race practice which will strengthen the crew and aid their preparations.

Quote of the week:

"who are you racing?
Birmingham, Brawne and who,
from where? Where are they..."

Matthew Pinsent – HWR 2010

Dates for the diary:

Peterborough J14	26/06
Ironbridge Regatta	26/06
Runcorn Regatta	03/06
Henley	30-04/07

Saturday Training Times

1 st VIII	as advised
J16's	0800 PT
J15 Girls	0830 MS

All others competing