

Laura and the Juniors win two at Henley Women's Regatta

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The club was represented at Henley Women's Regatta on 17th - 19th June by ten crews, competing across all disciplines and standards from Elite down to Junior, with everyone representing the club well.

Three of Nottingham's Junior women scullers, **Lucy Holgate**, **Priya Jenkins** and **Charlotte Brown**, all

16, got together with St Neots RC sculler

Kate Lyster

, 16, to take on a 21- boat entry in quadruple sculls at Henley Womens Regatta. Held over 1500 m on the world renowned Royal Regatta course, this regatta attracted a record 1800 competitors, Junior and Senior.

The girls won the Nina Padwick Trophy for J16 Quad Sculls, after four knockout races over 2 days in a traditional one-on-one "sudden death" format. This is the Club's first at this age level, and the 18th win at Henley since our formation in 2006.

Nina Padwick still sponsors the event each year, and added poignancy showed up when Priya realized that her grandmother rowed in eights with Nina during the Sixties, at the Civil Service Rowing Club, now Barnes Bridge Ladies RC. The world seems to get smaller! Needless to say, the ladies are still in contact, now with a new story to spice up the family histories.

Single Sculler **Laura Wheeler** brought even more glory to Nottingham's weekend when she won Elite Single Sculls, The George Innes Cup. Up against a select field of top scullers, she won the final by a handsome margin of 3 lengths, using a state-of-the-art black Wintech Cobra boat.

17 year old Double Scullers Siena Hayes and Katie Swales reached the top 4 out of 22 crews in the Rosie Maygothling J18 doubles event, a solid result that sets them up even better for next year, when they will still qualify on age grounds.

In the Di Ellis Trophy for J18 single sculls, Ella Kay, 17, battled through the eliminating time trials to qualify for the 16-boat knockout draw, a first for her in a national event, and all the more

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satisfying to have reached her initial racing target, again with next year still available.

On the Friday, in a race postponed until the end of the day, the Club 8+ was involved in probably the best race of the day, with both eights neck and neck all the way down the track. Unfortunately NRC lost out by three feet to Molesey BC, but what an effort!

The Club 4+ eventually lost in the semi final to the eventual winners, but showed real determination to come from behind twice to win their heat and quarter final races.

The Sen 1x and Sen Lwt 1x lost in their heats but also raced well against strong opposition.

The Sen 2x lost in their semi final, also to the eventual winners. Sculling with conviction and leading from the start, they lost to a stronger crew through the middle of the course.

The Sen 4x had a bye in the first round, and lost the quarter final race to Maidenhead RC. For four novices who only started rowing in October they only lost by four lengths to a crew that has been winning all year.

The Elite 2- also lost in their semi final race, but this was good preparation running into the U23 trials on Tuesday and Wednesday as they both raised their standard of rowing.

We also had a finalist representing Auckland Rowing Club in Sen Lwt 1x (Eliza) who is over working at Loughborough Uni so you might see her around from time to time. She lost in the final to an old friend, Louise Hart, rowing for Wallingford RC.

So in summary: three finalists, two great wins for the athletes and the club, roll on Henley Royal Regatta and Henley Masters' Regatta.

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