

## World Rowing Under 23 Championships: Katie takes bronze

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The 'A' Finals of the World Rowing U23 Championships were held in Plovdiv (Bulgaria) on July 26th, over 2000 m of perfectly flat water. Eight hundred competitors from 51 countries took part, including two local rowers.

Ed Fisher, who now rows from Leander Club but spent his formative years at Nottingham Rowing Club, rowed bow in the lightweight coxless four. Katie Bartlett, called up by Rowing Team GB for the ninth time, rowed two in the women's eight.

12 Team GB Crews featured in the A Finals; the men's quad had sickness problems, otherwise the entire team would have been in the main finals.

In a titanic struggle in the women's eights, Russia took an early lead pursued by the World Champions, the USA. GB slipped the Bulgarians and whilst covering the Russians and Americans kept the Dutch and Germans at bay. In a dash to the line with GB closing rapidly on the Russians they were declared bronze medal winners.

Ed too was a bronze medal winner in a race won by Italy with Germany second. France, Japan and the USA were in the final places.

Katie is in a strong group of rowers that have Tokyo 2020 in their sights. A loyal member of Nottingham Rowing Club she has local sponsors like 'Insideland' and trains at the National Watersports Centre at Holme Pierrepont. Since early success at the National Schools Regatta she has followed the club's pathway to success and now has two World Championship medals.