

## Another trophy from the Tideway for Nottingham Rowing Club

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The annual Schools' Head of the River was held on Thursday 17th March, a sunny early spring day. The race brought together some 350 junior rowing eights, quads and fours from the top schools and clubs in the country to race over the championship course from Mortlake to Putney, the reverse of the Boat Race. Westminster School emerged as winners of the Championship eights, and Headington School were the overall girls' winners.

Nottingham Rowing Club entered three boats, an eight and two quads that were coached by Declan Gamble, Ian Wilson and Martin Kay. The eight came 4th, only a second behind Lady Eleanor Holles; Marlow Rowing Club were 5th. The WJ18 quad was 11th and the WJ16 won in their first ever row on the Tideway course. **Bella Barlow** (Nottingham Girl's High School), **Abi Clark**

(East Leake Academy),

**Jenna Draycott**

(Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School) and

**Aimee Richards**

(Carlton Academy) dominated their division and were nearly half a minute ahead of Molesey Rowing Club and City of Oxford. This weekend they attended trials on the National Watersports Centre and qualified for a place in the East Midlands team for the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta in late April. The girls have previously won at Hampton and Nottingham.

The day after the Tideway event, three WJ18 quads went on to race on Dorney Lake, site of the 2012 Olympics, in the Oarsport-sponsored 'Junior Sculling Head', an aggregate of a row up and down the 2000m course. The Nottingham crews came 4th, 8th and 19th in a field of 30.

Club rowing and sculling squads are now dispersing to Easter training camps in preparation for the coming regatta season.

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Below: the WJ164x on their way to victory

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Below: Aimee, Jenna, Abi and Bella, Tideway champions

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