

GREAT WEEKEND OF RACING FOR NOTTINGHAM ROWING CLUB

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On the weekend of June 4th-5th, Nottingham Rowing Club's novices and intermediate rowers were competing at Peterborough Spring Regatta while the senior men and high performance women were at the Metropolitan Amateur Regatta.

Peterborough Spring is rowed on an artificial 1000 m multi-lane course adjacent to the River Nene. Olivia Kay, returned from a gap year in Australia, was back in action and won two trophies. In the Women's Intermediate 2 Double Sculls she joined up with Aerin Thompson from Nottingham & Union RC to beat both Leeds and Birmingham Rowing Clubs. Then in Women's Intermediate 2 Sculls she overcame Sudbury Rowing Club and Deben Rowing Club to win. Max Parker won Intermediate 3 Sculls ahead of Leeds and Cambridge 99 Rowing Clubs, while George Rymell won Novice Sculls defeating local favourite Peterborough Rowing Club and Derby in the final.

'The Met', at one time a premier Tideway event, was rowed on Eton Dorney Lake, scene of last week's National Schools' Regatta. The attraction of this artificial lake, used for the 2012 Olympic Games, is the multi-lane course which can take up to 8 crews racing side by side (as well as its proximity to London).

Nottingham Rowing Club's men and women reached a host of finals, finishing Saturday's racing with two good joint wins. Katie Bartlett, a GB Under-23 international, together with three girls from Molesey BC, won Women's Senior Coxless Fours. Grace Clough, world paralympic LTA 4+ champion, rowing with Leander Club's Pam Relph, won Women's Elite Coxless Pairs.

On Sunday, again there were plenty of finals, but pride of place went to the winning Senior Coxed Four of Martin Hird, Ayrton Carlton, John Okon and Adam Wright, coxed by Sophie Lawton and coached by Dan Johnson. In a spectacular final, Upper Thames Rowing Club led off the start, and by 500 m Nottingham were in 7th place. Strathclyde University then took up the running to lead by 1000 m, but after a blistering second 500m Nottingham had moved to 2nd, and having seen off a London Rowing Club challenge began to boss the race, building clear water by the 2000 m finish. With the Henley Royal Regatta only weeks away Nottingham Rowing Club are showing good form.

Focus now switches back to the National Watersports Centre, where the British Rowing Masters Championships, for rowers aged 27-90, will take place over a 1000 m course on 11th/12th

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Below: Max Parker receiving his IM3 single sculls trophy at Peterborough Spring Regatta

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Below: George Rymell receiving his trophy for Novice single sculls at Peterborough

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Below: Olivia Kay (R) and Aerin Thompson with their trophies from Peterborough

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