

Katie delivers at Henley Women's Regatta for Nottingham Rowing Club

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Henley Women's Regatta was held on the week-end of June 17th/19th. 1,500 athletes from as far apart as New Zealand, Canada and the United States entered in record numbers and rowed over the 1,500m upstream course on the River Thames from Temple Island to Remenham Club.

Nottingham Rowing Club have a proud record of 22 wins at the regatta since its foundation in 1988 and added yet another with a win in the Elite Coxless Four event where Katie Bartlett stroked her Molesey colleagues to a resounding victory.

Having won at the Metropolitan Regatta two weeks previously, Katie's crew were fired up and quickly disposed of Lea Rowing Club in the semi-final. In the final they faced the University of Massachusetts USA: after a blistering start that gave the crew a length's lead by the end of Temple Island, Katie kept up an attacking rate and took the trophy. The official verdict was five lengths. It was Katie's fifth Women's Henley win.

Katie is currently undergoing rigorous testing by Team GB at Caversham near Reading as she competes for a place in the GB U23 team. If successful it will be her ninth consecutive Rowing Team GB appearance in the last nine years. She already has ambitions for the Tokyo Olympics in 2020 and is well supported by local sponsors.

Two other Nottingham Rowing Club girls are part of the U23 trials. Kyra Edwards and Anna Thornton have just returned from studying at American Universities and have been drafted in for sweep and sculling crews.