

## British Rowing Championships 2011

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The British Rowing Championships were held over a three day period at the National Watersports Centre at Holme Pierrepont. Cool conditions varied with wind and rain leading to slow times.

It was clear from the outset when the Nottingham Rowing Club Juniors coached by Claire Parnell dominated their semi-finals that the Club were set for a successful week-end. By the end of Saturday's racing the youngsters had collected three gold and two bronze medals. **Olivia Kay** from Rushcliffe School rowed away from the field to take gold in the Women's J14 Sculls. She is undefeated so far this season.

### **Rowan Law**

also from Rushcliffe in a very controlled race after an excellent start, won gold in the boys J14 event. In a titanic struggle with the opposition Pangbourne School, which left them exhausted on the line,

### **Connor Gamble**

(Dayncourt School) and

### **Dominic Parnell**

(Grove School, Balderton) took gold in the boys' J15 Double Sculls in a faster time than the J16s.

### **Olivia Duckworth**

from Fernwood School won bronze in the Women's J15 Sculls and

### **Lucy Mason**

(West Bridgford School) with her colleague

### **Ellen Sutherland**

from Trent Rowing Club took bronze in the Women's J16 Double Sculls, her fourth win in a week.

Senior crews too followed a similar track and they won five medals, four gold and one silver, a Club total of ten and a seasons tally of 81. The Club's high performance girls are coached by Dez Atkins with input from Julie Edwards. **Pippa Whittaker** won gold in the Women's U23 sculls,

**Fiona Bassett and Lyndsay**

### **Marshall**

won gold in the Women's Double Sculls, they were then joined by

### **Nikki Spencer**

and

### **Catherine Lineker**

and duly won the Women's Quadruple sculls gold. In all three events they led from start to finish and were never threatened by the opposition.

### **Nikki Spencer**

then won a silver in the lightweight sculls.

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The men's coxless four of **Matt Ley**, **Rob Yates**, **Matt Gotrel** and **Richard Watton**, coached by Dan Johnson, reversed the result of Henley two weeks ago when they defeated London Rowing Club to take the gold medal in what was a hard fought race in difficult conditions. For the third time in as many weeks they also beat the Tideway Scullers School.

Other finalists, on what was an outstanding day for Nottingham Rowing Club, were **Adam Stancer** and **Nic**

**k Musson**

, coached by Martin Kay, who came 5<sup>th</sup>

in the U23 Double Sculls.

**George Caines**

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**Steve Milligan**

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**Peter Dean**

and

**Ray Hughes**

, coxed by

**Tamsin Cottle**

, were fourth in the coxed four final and

**George Caines**

doubled up in Lightweight Sculls and again came fourth.