

World Rowing Junior Championships

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A TENTH OF A SECOND FROM GLORY!

Following in the footsteps of Nottingham Rowing Club women - Tina Stiller who rowed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Jacqui Round and Monica Relph who won U23 Gold in 2009, Katie Bartlett has just competed in the World Junior Rowing Championships held at Dorney Lake, Eton the site of the 2012 Olympic Games rowing and canoeing events.

Katie is a pupil at Trinity School Aspley and trains at the National Watersports Centre at Holme Pierrepont. She is part of the World Class Start group of athletes coached by Julie Edwards and is sponsored by local property developers Insideland.

Katie was in the GB quadruple scull with Lucy Burgess from Runcorn Rowing Club, Jess Leyden from Hollingworth Lake and Kiara Weaver from Latymer Upper School. In the first round they qualified, after a well judged race, for the semi-finals, there they came fourth ahead of Russia and New Zealand just a tenth of a second away from the A final. The crew that came third the Netherlands later took the silver in the A final. This put them in the B final which they won convincingly after a strong push at 1,000m drew them ahead of Switzerland and New Zealand.

An ex-Rowing Club member, Callum Jones, now at St Edward's School Oxford, came fourth in the B final of the boys coxless fours, in a race won by Greece.

'I feel for Katie as she had her heart set on a medal at Dorney', said Club President Keith Atkinson, 'but she is a very strong person and will soon be back in action as she is still a junior next year, as are two of the other girls in the boat.'