



NEWSLETTER

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Crew News - thru the Spring of 2007

April 14 and 15, in Redwood City, CA at the Henley-style (one-on-one racing format) Windermere Rowing Classic, UW's crews faced three of the strongest college crews in the US – Cal, Stanford and Washington. The V8 lost all three duals, first against top-ranked Washington (6:11.95 vs. 6:15.47), then, in a tenth-of-a-second squeaker, to Stanford (6:08.29 vs. 6:08.39) and the next day to Cal (5:49.76 vs. 5:56.24). The varsity boating: Matt Donoghue (bow), Joe McMullin, Max Vice-Reshel, Ben Szymanski, Ken Rueden, Zach Krupp, Derek Rasmussen, Scott Wallen (stroke) and Adam Barhamand (cox).

In the three 2V8 contests, the Badgers won all three of their races - against Washington (5:56.47 vs. 6:02.90), Stanford (6:44.87 vs. 6:50.68) and Cal (5:55.68 vs. 6:00.57). The 2V boating: Sam Austin (bow), George Walters, Ross James, Ed Newman, Nate Millin, Grant James, Anthony Hoell, Peter Helfer (stroke) and Chase Phillips (cox).

The UW frosh first fell to Washington, but re-grouped to defeat Stanford by almost four seconds later in the day. The next day, Wisco's frosh eight, in their third race of the weekend, fell to Cal, in their first race of the weekend (5:54.56 vs. 6:16.31). The frosh boating: John Ludders (bow), Nicholas Janous, Matthew Lojkovic, Brian Boston, Steve Smith, Max Goff, Scott Vermilyea, Paul Williams (stroke) and Matt Francis (cox).

The **April 21** Midwest Rowing Championships were held, as usual, on Lake Wingra, an 1,850m course, with UW winning all its events. The regatta is an important way to build youth interest in rowing around the upper Midwest.

On **May 4th**, Wisconsin raced against Dartmouth and MIT for the Cochrane Cup on the Charles River in Boston. In the V8 race, UW finished ahead (6:12.4) of Dartmouth (6:22.3) and MIT (6:31.5) to win the Cup. Wisconsin's 2V8 (6:22.2) remained undefeated in beating Dartmouth (6:50.8); MIT did not compete in the event. In the frosh 8 race, UW (6:26.5) also prevailed over Dartmouth (6:43.5) and MIT (7:00).

The next day, **May 5th**, UW and Boston University raced for the Jablonic Cup, again on the Charles. The Badger V8 (5:55.3) defeated BU (6:08.9) and guest MIT (6:25.1). The Wisco 2V8 (6:01.7) remained undefeated in overcoming BU's (6:24.5) second eight. In the most bizarre event of the day, the frosh eight need four separate starts to reach a result! In the first, UW did not hear the starting command and the race was re-started. In the second, a BU rower lost an oar with 750-meters to go, so the race was stopped. In the third, a UW oarsman suffered an over the head crab with 250-meters to go and that race was halted. In the fourth start, BU finished just ahead of the frosh eight for the victory. The race would hurt UW's frosh later in the season, as BU found itself in a more favorable seed in the Sprint's qualifying heats.

At the **May 13** Eastern Sprints on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, MA – effectively, the men's conference championships - Wisconsin finished second among 18 teams. Wisco's varsity eight (5:30.236) grabbed the bronze medal, inching out



The gold-medal winning 2V8 at the Eastern Sprints with another course record (held consecutively by UW when set in 1987 and 2001). Front row: Austin (Bow), Waters (2), Vice-Reshel (3) and Szymanski (4). Back row: Rueden (5), Krupp (6), Hoel (7), Helfer (stroke) and Barhamand (cox).

Princeton (5:30.320) by 8 one-hundredths of a second, while trailing Harvard (5:27.005) and Yale (5:29.404). The varsity boating: Donaghue (bow), McMullin, Ross James, Newman, Millin, Grant James, Rasmussen, Wallen (stroke) and Phillips (cox).

Entering the day as the third-seed, Wisconsin's 2V8 won its heat over Cornell by just under four seconds, **before dispatching the entire field in the Finals**. The Badgers clocked in a record-breaking 5:36.21 over 2,000 meters to upset top-seeded Harvard, which timed a 5:37.02. Cornell was third in 5:41.63. The regatta's event record has been continuously held by Wisconsin since 1987 (and then broken by Wisco in 2001).

The frosh eight, because of an unlucky seeding based on their loss in a 4-start race against BU a week earlier, got bumped to the Petites, which they won (7th overall) in a time of 5:47.506 (BU's 6th-place time in the Finals twenty minutes later was 5:54.172). The boating: Ludders (bow), Boston, Lojkovic, Williams, Smith, Janous, Vermilyea, Goff (stroke) and Francis (cox).

The Badger 3V8 (5:53) finished 5th behind Harvard, Syracuse, Brown and Yale. The boating: Hans Hebl (bow), Max Schumitsch, Dan Stevens, Collin Payne, Ken McMahon, Mitch Daane, Josh Iverson, Richard Ruzga (stroke) and Dan Connolly (cox).

On **May 27** in Annapolis, Wisco took both the Walsh Cup (given the victory of the V8 event) and the Fisher Cup (for the team victory) beating Navy in the six of the eight events (losing the V4- and the Fr4+ events). The IRA-preparatory competition mimics the race format of the following week's IRA.

The college season ended at the IRA's in Camden, NJ on Saturday, **June 2**, with Wisco medaling in two of the eight events, including silvers by the previously undefeated 2V8+ and the men's pair. The 2V- boating: Kevin Knier (bow) and Ken McMahon (stroke). The V8 finished 8th, the two UW Open 4+ entries 7th and 8th, and the Fr8+, the V4+ and the Fr4+ all 13th.

In the varsity straight four event, Wisco was up by half-a-boat length with 350-meters to go when the 5th and 6th place boats, Hobart and Harvard, collided. In a very controversial - if not patently incorrect - call, the judge on the water stopped the race and ordered a re-start. Wisco's gas was spent and they finished fourth.

"I was pleased with the season. While we had the lightest varsity eight ever this season, they performed very well, doing much better on the water than in the erg room. We also missed our Captain, one of the strongest rowers in the V8 (out with a back injury)," said Coach Clark. **Many thanks to Marian Kaufman** for hosting the annual Parent Cocktail following the IRA's. A good time was had by all!

Following the IRA regatta, Anthony Hoell was elected Captain for the 2007-08 season by the varsity rowers. Other awards included the Sonju Award to Scott Wallen; the Jablonic Award to Paul Williams and the Pickle Boat Captain Award to Max Schumitsch.



Anthony Hoell, Captain for the 2007-08 season; rowed 7-seat in the 2V8 Sprints gold medal winner.

The racing coxed four "**IRA Golds '00**" used by the V4+ crew in the IRA was donated in May by Brad and Fran Taylor in honor of the three UW winners in the coxed fours in 2000. All three coxed four events – the V4+, the Frosh 4+ and the Open 4+ at the 2000 IRA's - were won by Wisconsin...on their way to another Ten Eyck trophy!

July - Adam Barhamand (V8+) and Ken McMahon (LW4-) - both members of the UW class of '08 - have been selected for U.S. national team racing later in July in the Under-23 World Rowing Championships in Scotland.

Media Guide. The 2007-08 Men's Rowing Media Guide and schedule, along with rower's photos and bios can be found, later in the summer, on www.uwbadgers.com .

Alumni News and Activities

May 16 Fred Robertson (UW '76), CEO of Madison-based TomoTherapy, Inc. ('TTPY' on the NASDAQ), led his company's IPO, priced at \$19, with the first trade around \$24. Stewart MacDonald (UW '72), Chairman and CEO of Mac-Gray Corp, is the other UW rower heading a publicly-traded company ('TUC' on NYSE); Mac-Gray is headquartered in Waltham, MA.

This spring, Frank Remington ('80), with two boys on the UW rowing squad, was elected a Municipal Judge for the Village of Shorewood Hills in Madison.

June 26 – Former UW Captain, Matt Smith ('00), was selected by USRowing to represent the U.S. in the lightweight straight four at the Pan American games July 14-19 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; the 4 qualified for the finals as this newsletter went to press). A member of the Army's World Class Athlete Program, Smith has served in Iraq, six-times as a U.S. national team member and a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 2004.

Micah Boyd (UW '03, finishing 12th in the 2-) and Scott Wallen (UW '07, finishing 13th in the LW4-) rowed for the U.S. in the World Cup III in Lucerne, Switzerland on July 14 and 15th. Beau Hoopman and Paul Daniels (both UW '03) are also awaiting final selections to row in the Senior Worlds in Munich, Germany in late August.

September 22 Alumni Race Day. Get your entries together AND FIND A COXSWAIN! The Iowa football game starts at 7:00 PM that day (contact former rower Sara DeTienne in the W Club office, SJD@athletics.wisc.edu, for tickets before August 15).

November 10 – Dedication Day at the Porter Boathouse for the dedication of two eights – the Jablonic and Eckhardt eights and the new coxed four as well as several portraits in the Coaches' Portrait Gallery. The UW vs. Michigan football game start time is still unannounced. As coach Jablonic will be honored during this event, alumni interested in telling "Jabo stories" will be rented the microphone for up to 5 minutes for \$100 to tell their tales – remember, ladies will be present (Robert Espeseth, Jr. sought the microphone at the Hall of Fame induction dinner honoring Jabo, but the hour was already late; now's your chance, Robert!)

November 13 – A Minneapolis Cocktail at the Minneapolis Club (729 2nd Avenue South; 612.332.2292) is planned from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Parking is available at the Club ramp (a left off the one-way 8th Avenue South). Please e-mail bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com if you can attend.

In memoriam.... We regret to note the passing of UW rowers Charles W. Burroughs (UW '38) on March 3, 2007 at age 93; James E. Grootemaat (UW '50) on March 8, 2007; and Charles F. Kissinger (rowed in 1951) on May 12, 2007 at age 76.

Gifts to the Program from (or organized by) Friends



The IRA banner, newly commissioned by Friends, celebrates each boat winning a gold medal in the IRA's, the first of which were the freshmen eight of 1900.

In addition to gifts of flat-screen TV's to the men's assistant coaches, *Friends of UW Men's Crew* has recently commissioned another Kohl Center-like banner, now hanging over the men's erg room, to commemorate those boats winning gold medals in the IRA's eight heavyweight events, and has also commissioned several coaches' oil portraits.

Many donors have contributed \$250 or more to the Coaches' Portrait Gallery project. To date, five coaches' oil portraits have been commissioned by Friends. Sponsors of individual coach's portraits include Bud Fay (UW '48) and the Carl Holtz Memorial Fund (Skip Walz); Robert Espeseth, Sr. (UW '52) for the portrait of Norm Sonju; Mrs. Duane (Joy) Daentl, via a Duane Daentl memorial contribution to Friends (Ralph Hunn) and Brad and Fran Taylor (George Rea).

Donors to The Captains' Fund increased to 12 when Dr. Victor Johnson (1964) made a generous contribution. Thank you, Vic! Total cash and commitments to The Captains' Fund now exceed \$120,000! Keep it coming, Captains!

Keep Friends in mind for annual support to allow a continued strengthening of the program and the legacy. Please note - gifts of stock to Friends are possible. Contact Friends' Secretary, Brad Taylor (bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com), for more information.

Check out "www.WiscoRowingHistory.org"

Help us out by going to the website above, reading your years of rowing and then i.) send back corrections and additions, ii.) e-mailing back stories you'd like to be added to the "Stories" page (remember, decorum) and/or scanning or lending a good photo you'd like added to the site. Please...all photos should have your own name and address on the back (for their return); the names of people in the photo, as best you can remember (top row, left to right, etc.); and your sending the photos represents your permission to use. E-mail comments, stories and scanned photos to "bradleyftaylor@hotmail.com" or snail mail to the return address on this mailing.

See also "www.WiscoRowing.org" for merchandise and alumni news (and color versions of prior Newsletters, since printing and mailing a color Newsletter would cost an additional \$200-400 per issue!). Many thanks to Jim Almquist, Dave Evenson and Ed Burnett for their work creating and maintaining the two "dot-org" websites. Louis Bien (UW '09) is helping with the belated corrections to the history website.



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- **First varsity in 1892**
- **First IRA title in 1900**
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