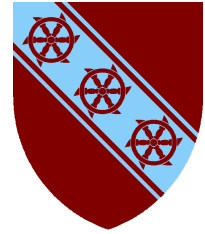




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Eights 2022 picked up from where we left off in 2019, and was thus a new experience for most of the competitors. There were a few minor tweaks to the format, but with swan-delays, carnage in the Gut, klaxons, appeals that ran late into the night, loud music, barbecues and pretty much the whole Boat Club in the river after the end of racing, it was remarkable how quickly it all started to feel very familiar. Except this time we'll all know to appreciate it. The captains provide their reports on the term's rowing.

The Boat Club held their post-Eights dinner at the Cherwell Boathouse (it's now diversified from just hiring out punts), which provided a suitable background for announcing this year's winner of the Ben Sylvester Award, not least because the dinner had been organised by the recipient of the award.

Finally, for those I didn't get to talk to at the Gaudy itself, I apologise for the lack of a Gaudy paddle this year. Now I'm on the 'examiner' roster, the end of term sees a ramping up rather than a winding down of demands on my time. I'm not expecting any sympathy, but I am amazed just how much stuff I was once expected to know, on top of all the rowing.

Results

Rowing On, 21st May

Men's crews, 33 from 46 qualified

1st	2:35.0	Trinity III
7th	2:53.0	St Catherine's III
33rd	3:16.5	L.M.H. III

Women's crews, all 32 qualified

1st	3:08.5	Keble II
5th	3:12.0	St Catherine's II
32nd	3:57.0	S.E.H. III

Eights, 25–28th May

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Finish
Men's I	=	+1	=	=	9th Div I
Women's I	+1	+1	+1	+1*	2nd Div II
Men's II	=	=	-1	-1	10th Div IV
Women's II	=	=	=	-1	10th Div V
Men's III	+1	+1	+1	+1*	8th Div V

* Blades

The women's 1st Eight last won blades in 1996.

Catz III are now the highest men's 3rd Eight on the river.



Yep, that'll do. The women's 1st Eight complete a successful week with a bump on Balliol.

Bumps Charts

MEN	WEDTHU FRI SAT
I ORIEL KEBLE PEMBROKE CHRIST CHURCH S.E.H. WADHAM WOLFSON TRINITY BALLIOL ST CATHERINE'S UNIVERSITY MAGDALEN	
II L.M.H. JESUS QUEEN'S NEW COLLEGE ST HUGH'S MERTON HERTFORD MANSFIELD WORCESTER LINCOLN EXETER CORPUS CHRISTI	
III ORIEL II BRASENOSE ST JOHN'S CHRIST CHURCH II SOMERVILLE ST ANNE'S PEMBROKE II KEBLE II ST PETER'S WADHAM II ST ANTONY'S S.E.H. II	
IV LINACRE GREEN TEMPLETON UNIVERSITY II NEW COLLEGE II BALLIOL II TRINITY II JESUS II ST CATHERINE'S II LINCOLN II ST HILDA'S WOLFSON II MERTON II	
V REGENT'S PARK MAGDALEN II QUEEN'S II EXETER II ST BENET'S HALL BRASENOSE II WOLFSON III HERTFORD II L.M.H. II ST PETER'S II OSLER HOUSE ST CATHERINE'S III	
VI WORCESTER II NEW COLLEGE III KEBLE III UNIVERSITY III CHRIST CHURCH III ORIEL III MANSFIELD II BALLIOL III SOMERVILLE II WOLFSON IV ORIEL IV BRASENOSE III	
VII GREEN TEMPLETON II LINACRE II CHRIST CHURCH IV CHRIST CHURCH V ST HILDA'S II ORIEL V EXETER III ST HUGH'S II TRINITY III ST PETER'S III UNIVERSITY IV JESUS III NEW COLLEGE IV	

WOMEN	WEDTHU FRI SAT
I WOLFSON PEMBROKE WADHAM UNIVERSITY CHRIST CHURCH S.E.H. KEBLE NEW COLLEGE HERTFORD ORIEL BALLIOL MAGDALEN	
II JESUS ST JOHN'S LINACRE ST ANNE'S SOMERVILLE ST CATHERINE'S TRINITY MANSFIELD GREEN TEMPLETON LINCOLN WOLFSON II MERTON	
III L.M.H. BRASENOSE EXETER ST HUGH'S CORPUS CHRISTI WORCESTER ST PETER'S ST ANTONY'S UNIVERSITY II QUEEN'S CHRIST CHURCH II ST HILDA'S	
IV WADHAM II OSLER HOUSE PEMBROKE II ST JOHN'S II LINCOLN II MAGDALEN II GREEN TEMPLETON II REGENT'S PARK LINACRE II WOLFSON III WORCESTER II NEW COLLEGE II	
V ORIEL II ST HUGH'S II HERTFORD II BALLIOL II SOMERVILLE II BRASENOSE II JESUS III LINCOLN III ST CATHERINE'S II MANSFIELD II KEBLE II CORPUS CHRISTI II	
VI S.E.H. II ORIEL III ST ANTONY'S II ST HILDA'S II EXETER II CHRIST CHURCH III ST BENET'S HALL UNIVERSITY III MERTON II QUEEN'S II S.E.H. III UNIVERSITY IV	
VII ST PETER'S II WOLFSON IV PEMBROKE III OSLER HOUSE II ST ANTONY'S III L.M.H. II ST PETER'S III LINACRE III WADHAM III MAGDALEN III WOLFSON V	



Spectators, and ice cream van, in the Gut on the Saturday

2022 St Catherine's Eights

Men's 1st Eight

B Thomas Wagstaff
2 Hamza Ahmad
3 Thomas Lim
4 Amu Varma
5 Freddy Orpin
6 Shane McCarthy
7 Franco d'Agostino
S Augustin Wambersie
C Eugenio Vecchi

Men's 2nd Eight

B James Wills
2 Thomas Aston
3 Joshua Bibby
4 Adrian Kreiser
5 James Maiklem
6 Max Cowan
7 Lachlan Stewart
S Alex Scruton
C Kan Li

Men's 3rd Eight

B Vincent Allott¹
2 Eugenio Vecchi
3 Tim Kilbey
4 James Farmborough²
5 Thomas Long
6 Pierre Romain³
7 Andre Hector
S Angus Millard
C James Wills

Men's Coach
William Denegri

Women's 1st Eight

B Isabel Milner
2 Emma Coakley
3 Helen Nielsen-Scott
4 Lucy Bartel
5 Oriane Grant
6 Elizabeth Rees
7 Ilayda Karadag
S Kan Li
C Kaylin Chong

Women's 2nd Eight

B Leah Tillmann-Morris
2 Aysu Haker⁴
3 Grace Miner⁵
4 Audrey Shine⁶
5 Britt O'Duffy
6 Tara Baurmann⁷
7 Orlaith Breen
S Cecilia Catmur
C Zi Hong

Substitutes

¹ William Allen (Wed)
¹ Jamie Woodford (Fri)
² James Duckitt (Fri)
³ James Duckitt (Sat)
⁴ Niamh Louwman (Sat)
⁵ Niamh Louwman (Thu)
⁵ Nadine Staes-Polet (Fri)
⁶ Megan Lintern (Sat)
⁷ Megan Lintern (Wed)

Women's Coach
Rowan Nicholls



The men's 1st Eight pushing off on the Saturday

being unlucky with the draw and the speed of crews ahead. M2 ended up moving down a couple spots, being surrounded by some speedy crews and even having a klaxon in one of their days. Finally, our M3, a rag-tag combination of dedicated athletes and alumni, managed to snag blades by bumping every single day without making it to Longbridges. With this they also got M3 headship and match GTC W1 for the most consecutive bumps [14 days]. Everyone should be proud of how they did, with this being the culmination of a whole year's worth of training and dedication. Our time as captains has now come to an end, but we couldn't be happier with the performance of our squad, as well as the environment they created. We look forward to seeing how the next set of captains further progress our Boat Club.

Men's Boat Club Report

Hamza Ahmad, Men's Co-Captain

Before this term started, our senior squad had a successful training camp in Italy. Here, our athletes got practice in more mixed boats in terms of ability as well as new boat classes including the quadruple scull. The newer members of the squad comprised most of the attending athletes, who all benefitted greatly. Rowing in smaller boats allowed them to hone their individual skill, while being in larger boats with experienced members allowed them to understand how to move a boat as a team. This put us in good stead for the term ahead, especially as there were no races scheduled before the ominous Summer Eights.

From the start of term to the beginning of Eights this trend of mixing experienced and new rowers continued due to factors such as exams and the like. Although this further improved the newer rowers, the more experienced bunch were not really learning anything new. This was quickly fixed however with the involvement of our Blues athletes, who catapulted everyone's training to the next level. In the 5 weeks of training we scheduled more sessions with multiple boats out at a time in view of the more lax river restrictions, and even managed to battle paddle colleges such as Hertford. All this put us in good stead for the biggest and only race of the term Summer Eights.

As captains, our goals were to simply move up in the rankings for all boats, with the aim to also have an M3 qualify, which they did in Rowing On. During the event, our M1 moved up one place,



The men's 3rd Eight. 'Intimidating? Who — us?'

Women's Boat Club Report

Helen Nielsen-Scott, Women's Co-Captain

Following on from the success of our training camp in Italy, Trinity term has proved to have been an eventful, busy, and exciting term for Catz rowing. The season kicked off with City Bumps, with our crew managing to bump up a division. The following weekend saw nine members of the squad heading to Nottingham for BUCS for a very competitive and rewarding day of racing.

Both our W1 and W2 crews trained incredibly hard in the lead up to Summer Eights. Due to a series of klaxons, our W2 crew had a somewhat chaotic Summer Eights experience, which meant that they rowed over on all but the last day, when they were bumped



The women's 1st Eight racing on the Wednesday

by St Edmund Hall W2. Our W1 had a very successful campaign for Summer Eights this year, bumping Somerville, Linacre, St John's, and Balliol, which meant blades!

Combined with the men's squad, we also entered an VIII for Oriel regatta which was great fun! The racing season ended with a coxless four competing in Henley Women's Regatta. Overall, it has been an incredible term of rowing and we are very grateful for the dedication and commitment from the whole team and for the wonderful support and coaching from Rowan and the RS.

Ben Sylvester Award

The winner of the 2022 Ben Sylvester Award, for the person judged to have made the biggest contribution to enhancing the rowing life of the College, is:

Niamh Louwman

Those who nominated Niamh said

'Niamh is an indispensable member of the club. She has made SCCBC such a well-run and warm environment in which to learn and thrive ... Niamh epitomises the phrase 'team player'; she is dedicated to the success of the club and always thinks about the greater good of the whole squad.'

'Niamh Louwman is the head and heart of SCCBC. While she's been absolutely amazing as president in managing the logistics and communication for the boat club, I'm nominating Niamh for her contributions to the culture. Joining as a novice (with neither coordination nor talent), I felt immediately welcome, encouraged, and included.'



Niamh Louwman

Proxime Accessit: Eugenio Vecchi

Also nominated: Tom Aston, Lucy Bartel, Emma Coakley, Kan Li and Isabel Milner.

Coming up ...

We've now completed a full year of 'normal' college rowing. In the next issue we'll blow the dust off the archives, resume the countdown of bumps starts and, hopefully, have at least some news of the Boat Club taking to the water once again.

Anu Dudhia