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Current boat records – Varsity 8: 2-4; Varsity 4: 3-0; Novice 8: 4-2

BULLS SEE TOUGH COMPETITION ON THE CHARLES

The historic Charles River served as the setting for UB's crew competition against three other teams on Saturday afternoon in Boston. Fair weather, but cold temperatures of about 35 degrees at race time, along with variable winds greeted the rowers. Competing against the Bulls were squads from Dartmouth, Boston College and the host school, Northeastern.

UB's novice eight team placed third in a time of 7:31.4, well behind the top two finishers, Dartmouth (7:12.9) and Northeastern (7:14.2). The Bulls did finish twenty seconds ahead of fourth place Boston College in the four team race. UB's entry consisted of coxswain **Randi Prusak (Attica, NY/Attica)**, stroke seat **Michelle Schwach (Buffalo, NY/Nardin Academy)**, seventh seat **Lavoya Reddish (Queens, NY/Hillcrest)**, sixth seat **Kasey Hansen (Honeoye Falls, NY/Honeoye Falls-Lima)**, fifth seat **Amy Aldridge (Penfield, NY/Penfield)**, fourth seat **Deanna Knighton (Angola, NY/Lake Shore)**, third seat **Melissa Ward (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa)**, second seat **Jessica Roman (Spencer, NY/Spencer-Van Etten)** and bow seat **Sara Sullivan (West Seneca, NY/West Seneca East)**.

The Bulls' varsity eight squad placed fourth among the four teams in 7:23.6. Northeastern won the race in 6:57.4, followed by Boston College (7:01.2) and Dartmouth (7:08.7). UB's entry consisted of coxswain **Katie Johnson (Kenmore, NY/Holy Angels)**, stroke seat **Kali Spoto (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford-Sutherland)**, seventh seat **Melissa Warhol (Orchard Park, NY/Nardin Academy)**, sixth seat **Mary Conniff (Camden, NY/Camden)**, fifth seat **Tara Celestini (St. Catharines, Ontario/Sir Winston Churchill)**, fourth seat **Sarah Vieira (Pompton Lakes, NJ/DePaul Diocesan)**, third seat **Tracy Clarke (Mt. Sinai, NY/Rockford (MI))**, second seat **Karey Smollar (Guilderland, NY/Guilderland)** and bow seat **Victoria Kolomiets (Guilderland, NY/Guilderland)**.

HOME WATERS KIND TO BULLS IN SWEEP OF MERCYHURST

The Bulls returned home Sunday for a race against Mercyhurst as the Bulls registered a sweep of the three races along the Erie Canal. UB's varsity eight and novice eight squads featured the same lineup as the previous day's meet in Boston. The varsity eight race turned out to be the closest of the three as UB took the 2000-meter distance in 6:54.6, a second ahead of the Lakers' 6:55.8. UB's novice eight squad handily defeated the Lakers' novice/junior varsity team (7:02.06-7:23.1). The Bulls also fielded a varsity four squad of coxswain **Tina LaFountain (Scotia, NY/Burnt Hills)**, stroke seat **Sara Sheffer (Ft. Edward, NY/Colonie)**, third seat **Courtney Kane (Latham, NY/Shaker)**, second seat **Jessica Barrell (Buffalo, NY/Nardin Academy)** and bow seat **Margaret Siller (Buffalo, NY/Hutch-Tech)**. The team cruised to victory in 7:50.9 as Mercyhurst finished in 8:04.7.

2001-02 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Oct. 6	at Head of the Ohio Light four placed 2nd of 18 Varsity eight placed 7th and 16th of 31	
Oct. 13	HEAD OF THE NIAGARA Heavy four placed 3rd, 5th and 6th of 7	
Oct. 14	at Stonehurst Regatta Heavy four placed 12th of 17 Heavy eights placed 16th and 22nd of 28	
Oct. 20-21	at Head of the Charles Varsity eight placed 13th of 54	
Oct. 28	at Head of the Elk Light four placed 3rd of 10 Open four placed 6th and 15th of 17 Open eight placed 7th of 24 Novice eight placed 12th of 16	
Nov. 10	at Frostbite Regatta Novice four placed 1st of 10 Varsity light four placed 2nd of 6 Novice eight placed 25th of 33 Varsity four placed 4th of 18 Varsity eight placed 4th of 23	
Mar. 30	at Ithaca with Marist Novice eight placed 1st of 3 Varsity four placed 1st of 3 Varsity eight placed 2nd of 3	
Apr. 6	vs. Northeastern/Boston College/Dartmouth Varsity eight placed 4th of 4 Novice eight placed 3rd of 4	
Apr. 7	MERCYHURST Varsity eight placed 1st of 2 Varsity four placed 1st of 2 Novice eight placed 1st of 2	
Apr. 13	at Knecht Cup	All Day
Apr. 20	at SUNY Championships	All Day
May 4-5	at NY State Championships	All Day
May 10-11	at Dad Vail Regatta	All Day

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