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BULLS BAG BRONZE AT METRO CUP RACES

The University at Buffalo crew team concluded its season, one of the most successful in school history, with a third-place finish among 10 Division I teams at the Metro Cup in Camden, NJ. The Bulls scored 43 points using the NCAA's rowing points system standards. Massachusetts won the team title with 59 points while Rhode Island placed second at 46. Only the varsity races, which the Bulls reached the championship round in all three, were scored for points. The novice eight race, which UB won the consolation race, did not factor into the scoring.

UB's varsity four crew made the strongest finish among the four entries. The team consisting of bow seat **Mary Conniff (Camden, NY/Camden)**, second seat **Lauren Dunn (East Amherst, NY/Williamsville East)**, third seat **Michelle Schwach (Buffalo, NY/Nardin Academy)**, stroke seat **Sara Sheffer (Ft. Edward, NY/Colonie)** and coxswain **Katie Johnson (Kenmore, NY/Holy Angels)** placed third in the Grand Finals (the championship race). The UB boat crossed the finish line in 8:11.7, just behind first-place Delaware (8:06.8) and second-place Massachusetts (8:09.0). The difference of five seconds between the first and third place finishes equates to just a little more than a boat length. Those three boats also finished well ahead of fourth-place Rhode Island, which trailed UB by eight seconds. UB turned in the third-fastest time in the qualifying heats of 8:20.6, again behind Massachusetts and Delaware.

The varsity eight boats both reached the Grand Finals, finishing fourth in their respective races. The A boat of bow seat **Jessica Ecke (Ridge, NY/Longwood)**, second seat **Tracy Clarke (Mt. Sinai, NY/Rockford (MI))**, third seat **Victoria Kolomiets (Guilderland, NY/Guilderland)**, fourth seat **Kathleen Dorn (Newark, NY/Newark)**, fifth seat **Deanna Knighton (Angola, NY/Lake Shore)**, sixth seat **Kali Spoto (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford-Sutherland)**, seventh seat **Tara Celestini (St. Catharines, Ontario/Sir Winston Churchill)**, stroke seat **Kasey Hansen (Honeoye Falls, NY/Honeoye Falls-Lima)** and coxswain **Tina LaFountain (Scotia, NY/Burnt Hills)** won its heat in 6:59.2. The team then went on to the championship race where it turned in a 7:05.2 to finish fourth. Massachusetts won the race in 6:52.7.

The second varsity or JV eight squad also placed fourth in the Grand Final, behind Massachusetts, Delaware and West Virginia. UB's entry consisted of bow seat **Stephanie Spinella (Liverpool, NY/Liverpool)**, second seat **Karen Corey (Kingston, NY/Kingston)**, third seat **Bonnie McVicker (Syracuse, NY/C.W. Baker)**, fourth seat **Amy Aldridge (Penfield, NY/Penfield)**, fifth seat **Kat Vossler (Jamestown, NY/Falconer)**, sixth seat **Natalie Pugliese (Niagara Falls, Ontario/St. Paul's)**, seventh seat **Marla Hardin (Riverview, MI/Riverview)**, stroke seat **Chandra Hazey (Riverview, MI/Riverview)** and coxswain **Dawn Kavanaugh (Grand Island, NY/Nardin Academy)**.

The novice eight team was the lone entry that did not reach the Grand Final. The four slowest teams in the heats were placed in the Petite Final or consolation race, which UB won to place seventh overall. UB's entry consisted

of bow seat **Caitlin Logue (Buffalo, NY/Nardin Academy)**, second seat **Katie Jones (Clarence, NY/Clarence)**, third seat **Kristin Bender (Hamburg, NY/Frontier)**, fourth seat **Georgia Maloney (Cortland, NY/Homer Central)**, fifth seat **Michelle Heller (Fresh Meadows, NY/Benjamin Cardozo)**, sixth seat **Joanne Olsen (Niskayuna, NY/Niskayuna)**, seventh seat **Maggie Cote (Grosse Ile, MI/Grosse Ile)**, stroke seat **Emilee Norris (Cheektowaga, NY/Cheektowaga)** and coxswain **Kaitlin Buccheit (Amherst, NY/Amherst)**.

2002-03 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Oct. 5	at Head of the Ohio Varsity 8 placed 1st of 21 Varsity 4 placed 7th of 32 Novice 8 placed 6th of 24 Novice 4 placed 2nd of 15	
Oct. 13	at Stonehurst Regatta Varsity 8 placed 5th (A) and 12th (B) of 26 Varsity 4 placed 4th of 11	
Oct. 19	at Head of the Charles Varsity 8 placed 5th of 34 Varsity 4 placed 24th of 51 Novice 8 placed 25th of 59	
Oct. 26	at Head of the Fish Varsity 8 placed 6th of 42 Novice 8 placed 1st (A) and 10th (B) of 44 Novice 4 placed 1st of 43	
Nov. 9	at Frostbite Regatta Varsity 8 placed 3rd (A) and 5th (B) of 19 Varsity 4 placed 6th of 21 Novice 8 placed 1st (A) and 2nd (B) of 25 Novice 4 placed 5th of 14	
Mar. 23	at Rhode Island	Postponed
Mar. 29	at Ithaca with Marist Varsity 8 (A and B) placed 1st Novice 8 (A and B) placed 2nd	
Apr. 5	at RIT w/Binghamton and Rochester	cancelled
Apr. 12-13	at Knecht Cup Varsity 8 placed 1st (A) of 6 (petite final) Varsity 8 placed 2nd (B) of 6 (petite final) Novice 8 placed 2nd of 6 (grand final) Novice 4 placed 6th of 6 (petite final)	
Apr. 19	at Seneca Cup Varsity 8 (A and B) placed 1st Novice 8 placed 1st Novice 4 (A and B) placed 2nd and 3rd	
May 3-4	at NY State Championships Varsity 8 placed 2nd (A) of 6 (grand final) Varsity 8 placed 2nd (B) of 6 (grand final) Novice 8 placed 2nd of 6 (grand final) Novice 4 placed 1st (A) of 6 (grand final) Novice 4 placed 8th of 15 (preliminaries)	
May 11	at Metro Cup Placed 3rd of 10 overall Varsity 8 placed 4th (A) of 6 (grand final) Varsity 8 placed 4th (B) of 6 (grand final) Varsity 4 placed 3rd of 6 (grand final) Novice 8 placed 1st of 4 (petite finals)	

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