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The Orange Oar



BU leads across the line

Terriers Edge Orange in Varsity Eight Opener on Foggy Onondaga Lake SU Wins JV, Frosh Races

14th ranked Boston University held off No. 15 Syracuse for a half-length victory, Saturday, March 27, in the opening race for both varsity eights on Onondaga Lake. The race was delayed two-and-a-half hours by fog, ice and a course change.

"You hate to lose a shirt to anybody," SU Head Coach Dave Reischman told *The Orange Oar*. "But I was pretty pleased with our effort and how we rowed."

Syracuse beat BU by about open water in the JV race, and the Orange frosh gave Phil Marshall a win in his first race as freshman coach, staving off a BU sprint to win by about half a length.

A Foggy Morning

Both the SU men's and women's teams faced BU, with Duke added to the mix on the women's side. (See page 8 for women's results) The ice on the north end of the lake had not melted enough to allow a 2,000 meter race ending at the boathouse, so the SU coaches and (see *Terriers—page 3*)

New Erg Room Dedicated in Memory of Bill Compson

by Jason Premo, '98

On January 24, 2004, coaches and members of the Men's Team, Women's Team and assorted alumni gathered in Syracuse's new erg room in the Flanagan Gym to honor the memory of Wilbur (Bill) Compson (1906-1990), a Syracuse oarsman from 1925 to 1929 and strong supporter of the program throughout his life.

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Compson Honored (from page 1)

In parting, Compson made one last comment on his dedication to the program via a generous donation, the Compson Trust. At the request of then-coach Bill Sanford, the SARA board later voted to use the money in the trust to purchase 40 ergometers to fill the new facility and serve both the men's and women's teams. The women's team chipped in ten more "ergs" from its budget.

A plaque has been placed in front of the erg room in Compson's memory. Apparently camera shy, Bill Compson did not place himself in many photographs through his years, so SARA relied on the talents of Anna Goodale, a talented member of the woman's team and equally talented artist, to paint a wonderful rendering of Compson in his rowing days.



*Wilbur "Bill" Compson
- artwork by SU Rower Anna Goodale*

Joe Peter '69 – a close friend and long time colleague of Compson on the SARA board – offered some nice words and fond memories at the dedication, allowing others to get to know the man and better appreciate the importance of his impact. "Bill Compson was a great guy who loved Syracuse Crew," Peter said. Simple words, but they sum it up.



Artist Anna Goodale poses with SARA President Jeff Pesot '90 at Compson dedication.

Coaches Dave Reischman and Kris Sanford expressed thanks for the "ergs" and Compson's generosity. They pointed out that the ergometers in the room the teams inherited from wrestling make it possible for both teams to work out in the same facility at once, and should contribute to future success of SU Crew and Rowing.

Officially the room is not named, but everybody involved with Syracuse Rowing will think of it as "The Bill Compson Erg Room."

Going for Four in a Row

(pun intended)

This from alumni boat captain Bob Price

Hi everyone - just a reminder to all fellow alumni: the IRA isn't just for kids anymore. Our SU alumni have assembled an impressive medal count at recent IRA regattas, and we're currently riding a string of three consecutive gold medals. The task at hand this year is to boat the most competitive crew possible and capture that 4-peat. Such an accomplishment in this event is unprecedented, the field will be gunning for us.

If you are interested in donning the orange jersey again and racing for gold against the likes of Cornell and Penn, this race could be for you. A word of caution, this race is not for pretenders. The race is a full-blown 2000m sprint, and depending on the number of entries, we could find ourselves racing heats on Saturday morning and the final that same afternoon.

But, if you have been working out regularly, perhaps even still rowing at your local club, and you are interested in throwing your name in the hat for this year's regatta, please let me know. Some info that will help me: your most recent erg test score, your birth date, the side(s) you row, and your most recent race results. The guys in the mix so far this year are a tough bunch, but there is always room for another gun, and we'll put another 8 on the entry if the interest and supports it.

Best way to reach me is via e-mail:
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Remember, this year's IRA is June 3-5 in Camden, NJ. Thanks, looking forward to hearing from you.

Bob Price, '88



SU Jayvees plot strategy before racing BU

Terriers Edge SU (from page 1)

referees Larry Laszlo and Chris Ludden had mapped out an alternate course, starting near the Onondaga Yacht Club and ending toward the railroad bridge. But with the crews set to launch, fog crept over the lake and held up the start until 10:20.

The men's eights rowed first, with SU taking a slight lead at the start. But the Terriers pulled even, rowing at about 36-37 strokes per minute, four strokes higher than the Orange's 32-33. In the second 500 meters, BU pulled out to about a six-seat lead and held it through the rest of the race.

"We didn't go away," Reischman said. "I thought we did a good job of trying to keep pressure on them and we did that. BU obviously fought well and if you're looking at a half to two-thirds of a length this time of year I think we're doing OK."

Jayvees Start Strong

Syracuse's second varsity rowed its race a couple of strokes higher than the varsity had and it paid off. The Orangemen took a two-seat lead off the start and held it through the halfway point at about 34 strokes a minute, then gradually pulled away from the Terriers, finishing strong.

"It's sort of how I envisioned Syracuse crews racing," Reischman said. "Staying in it for the full 2k and letting other crews fade a little bit. We took sort of a technical push at the 1,000 and were able to get out a half-length and just kind of extend it from there."

"I thought they raced hard all the way. And I thought they did a good job of sticking with what I call Syracuse racing; just focusing on every stroke of the race and keep pressing, keep pressing all the way down the course."

Frosh Take the Long Way Home

SU's highly touted freshman eight started in the outside lane and found itself pushed out wide from its lane at the start and BU opened about a length, rowing in the inside lane. But Coxswain Chad Taylor stayed light on the rudder, easing the shell back into line as the crew powered down the course, finally catching the Terriers and pulling ahead with about 500 meters left.

"The wind pushed us out," Taylor said. "At about 1,000 meters we came back in the lane and then we walked the next 500 meters to pull even and then the last 500 we
(See Frosh Win - page 5)

BACKSPLASH . . . News of Our Alumni

1990's

Michael Fegley '97 - and his wife Sheri had their second child, Lexa Kate on February 23.

Josh Kaplan '98 - will be married in Fort Washington, PA on June 5.

Jason Premo '98 - will be married in Syracuse on August 14.

Dave Altman '99 - will be married in Long Island NY on May 23.

Pat Daughton - '99 - had his first gallery show of 21 of his original paintings in Atlanta, GA in December. The show was a huge success and many of his paintings were sold the first night.

Chris Kemezis '99 - was married on Valentines Day to Stephanie Seder '00. Many rowers were in attendance. The happy couple went on a honeymoon to Costa Rica and presently reside in Haddon Heights, NJ.

2000s

Douglas Shaw '01 - became engaged in February to Allison Singer. Doug is a second year law student at New York Law and lives in Manhattan.



"The Boys" at Chris Kemezis' Wedding Reception

Frosh Win (from page 3)

walked away.”

The Orange had open water with about 200 meters left, but the Terriers sprinted and nearly caught up at the finish.

“They took the rate up really high,” Taylor said. “(I told the guys) hold on. Stay at this rate, no higher. We’re going to beat them at this rate. We just held them.”

Coaches Like What They See

“It’s the kind of race you want,” Reischman said. “The guys were down. They didn’t panic. They kept racing hard. They got themselves back in the race and won by a couple of seats.”

“It’s important to get the win early in the season and get a little confidence,” Freshman Coach Phil Marshall said. “I think this is the best case situation for us to go through. It was a good aggressive race. It was a win. It wasn’t our best race. And we move forward from here, so I’m looking forward to the next race.”

Ahead of Last Year

The varsity eight’s loss to BU was its second in a row, but Reischman said this year’s SU crew is ahead of last year’s at the same point

“Last year’s crew raced a little higher cadence. I know that BU feels like they have a pretty good crew and this is their year. We feel like the things we’re doing length-wise and rhythm-wise that we’re ahead significantly of where we were last year. It’s just going to take some time to sort of get the cadence out of it. Last year I thought we rushed the cadence a bit. I thought we went up too quick and we never had the rhythm and cadence that we wanted so we’re trying to be a bit more patient this year.”

Stranger Than Usual Conditions

Reischman said coaches for Syracuse, BU and Duke considered racing a pair of 1,000 meter sprints in the canal, rather than over the newly mapped out 2,000 meter course out on the lake, but everybody agreed that the longer course was literally the way to go. Waiting for the fog to at least partially lift was necessary for safety.

“Everybody wanted to race 2K. We wanted to see what our crews were and get a measure of where we’re at for 2k. That’s racing in the Northeast in March. You’ve got to be ready for everything.”

Men’s Varsity Eights

Boston University	5:51.2
Syracuse University	5:53.5

Men’s JV Eights

SU	6:01.0
BU	6:05.0

Men’s Freshmen Eights

SU	5:59.6
BU	6:00.8

Men’s Freshman Fours

1. BU "B"	6:55.1
2. SU	7:05.7
3. BU "A"	7:31.2

SYRACUSE LINEUPS VS. BU

Varsity 8

- 1 - Adlai Hurt, SR, Ames, IA
- 2 - Andrew Wright, SR, Burlington, Ont.
- 3 - Kevin Boyle, GR, Emmaus, PA
- 4 - Terry Wilkin, SO, King of Prussia, PA
- 5 - Dan O’Shaughnessy, JR, Elizabethtown, Ont.
- 6 - Bryan Goody, SR, Burnt Hills, NY
- 7 - Chip Gibson, SR, Wellesley, MA
- 8 - Andrew Cooley, JR, Vassalboro, ME
- c - Dan McManus, SO, Smithville, NJ

Junior Varsity Eight

- 1 - Josh Gautreau, SO, New Ipswich, NH
- 2 - Andrew Weisberg, JR, Warner, NH
- 3 - Matt Brocks, SR, Hyde Park, NY
- 4 - Tyler Page, SO, Grimsby, Ont.
- 5 - Nick Alexander, SR, Wilmete, IL
- 6 - Mike Horvath, SR, Cleveland, OH
- 7 - Justin Burgess, JR, Maitland, FL
- 8 - Adam Conrad, SO, Taatsburg, NY
- c - Mike Wzontek, JR, Buffalo, NY

Freshman Eight

- 1 - Andrew Ross, FR, Havertown, PA
- 2 - Tim Mambort, FR, Penridge, OH
- 3 - J.P. Geise, FR, State College, PA
- 4 - David Barone, FR, Maumee, OH
- 5 - Justin Stangel, FR, Madison, WI
- 6 - Jimmy Bader, FR, Fort Washington, MD
- 7 - Mike Beck, FR, Cherry Hill, NJ
- 8 - Matt Morrow, FR, Hixson, TN
- c - Chad Taylor, FR, New Milford, CT

See Men’s lineups (page 8)

SU Women beat Duke, trail BU.

Coach Kris Sanford's varsity eight rowed according to form in its opening race, or at least according to the coaches' poll. The 17th ranked Orangewomen were second to number 16 Boston University, but took number 18 Duke, in a three-way race through the fog on Onondaga Lake.

The Orangewomen led early, but BU rowed through them and held the lead, winning by open water. The Blue Devils were more than a length behind.

Women's Race Results

Varsity 8

1. Boston University - 6:12.47
2. Syracuse - 6:17.30
3. Duke - 6:21.90

JV 8

1. Boston University - 6:42.70
2. Duke - 6:46.60
3. Syracuse - 6:51.00

Varsity 4

1. Boston University - 7:24.10
2. Duke - 7:39.40
3. Syracuse - 7:40.00

Varsity 4 "B"

1. Syracuse - 7:27.60
2. Boston University - 7:39.00
3. Duke - 8:21.8

Novice 8

1. Boston University - 6:51.2
2. Boston University "B" - 7:03.2
3. Syracuse - 7:05.70

SU Women Third on Cayuga Lake

The following weekend, the 15th-ranked women's varsity trailed #7 Yale and #16 Cornell in a V8 race at Cornell. SU also was third in the Second Varsity Eight race, but defeated Cornell in the Novice Four event.



Andrew Cooley stroked V8 vs. BU

Men's lineups (from page 5)

Freshman Four

- 1 - Greg Stiller, FR, Trumbull, CT
 - 2 - Joel Harrison, FR, Fayetteville, NY
 - 3 - Will Aramony, FR, Alexandria, VA
 - 4 - Jonathan Flynn, FR, Pomona, NJ
- c - J.D. Mallace, SO, Old Lyme, CT



Captain Adlai Hurt rowed bow in V8

SARA Annual Meeting Set for IRA Weekend in Camden

President Jeff Pesot has scheduled SARA's 2004 annual meeting for IRA Weekend in Camden, New Jersey. Pesot and Vice-president Jerry Jacobi agreed on the site as an opportunity got Alumni to gather for business and socialization, while supporting the SU Crews on the water. As many as two boatloads of alums also will be competing at the IRA's as SU tries to make it four consecutive wins in the Alumni Boat competition. *(See separate article—page 3)*

Officers and directors will be elected at the annual meeting, with Jacobi expected to move up to president, succeeding Pesot, who is completing his second one-year term in office.. The annual budget also will be proposed.

The day, time and location for the annual meeting had not been set at press time, but SARA members will be alerted by e-mail and the information will be posted on our website www.saracrew.org

The IRA begins Thursday, June 3, and concludes Saturday, June 5.



SARA Board members and alumni gather for the Bill Compson dedication.

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CREW CALENDAR

3/27/2004	Boston University	Onondaga Lake, Syracuse, N.Y.	8:00 a.m.
4/10/2004	Rutgers (Ten Eyck Cup)	New Brunswick, N.J.	TBA
4/17/2004	Cornell, Navy (Goes Cup)	Annapolis, Md.	TBA
4/24/2004	Georgetown, Temple	Onondaga Lake, Syracuse, N.Y.	TBA
5/8/2004	Dartmouth (Packard Cup)	Hanover, N.H.	TBA
5/16/2004	Eastern Sprints	Worcester, Mass.	TBA
6/3-5/2004	IRA Regatta	Camden, N.J.	TBA
6/4/2004	SARA Annual Meeting	Camden, N.J.	TBA