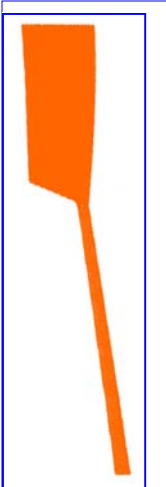


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- Also Hold Onto Ten Eyck and Conlan Cups
- Women Show Depth in Big East Championships
- Dan-O's Cambridge Blue Take The Boat Race

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# The Orange Oar

## SU Men Head for Eastern Sprints Unbeaten Again



*Men's Varsity Eight holds off Columbia with Boston University in the distance.*

### SU Ranked 9th (6th EARC)

Coach Dave Reischman's Varsity Eight finds itself in a familiar situation heading into the Eastern Sprints. The Orange is likely to be seeded sixth, meaning a heat including the top seed and a fast-improving seven seed. Harvard ranks first in the EARC Poll issued April 27 and the seven seed is Cornell. After SU rowed through in the last 300 meters to win the Goes Trophy, Reischman issued a caution. "It would be a mistake for the rest of the league to underestimate this Cornell crew. They are only going to get faster."

A year ago a veteran SU Varsity went into  
**(See Men—Page 2)**

### Frosh Take Big East Title, SU Women 3rd Overall

SU's Novice eight led the way at the Big East Championships in Worcester, Massachusetts, and overall depth led the Orange Women to a tie for second place.

"For the last two years we have kept most of the recruited and experienced freshman rowing in the novice  
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## ***Men Look to Reach Major Goal at Eastern Sprints (from Page One)***

the Sprints seeded sixth, facing number one Princeton and seven-seed Yale. No SU fan will forget that heat. In a bang-bang-bang finish, Princeton won it and Yale edged the Orangemen, dropping them to the petite finals. One big goal for this year's team has been to make the Grand Finals at the Sprints, something no SU V8 has done since 1989, when the Orange finished fourth.

## **SU Sweeps Scarlet Knights**

A week after scrimmaging against Yale, SU opened the season with a sweep of Rutgers at home. The Varsity eight took a lead off the start and steadily opened it up for a win by several lengths. "Our plan was to just move out and not look back and that's exactly what we did," senior coxswain Chad Taylor said.

Rutgers is down in team numbers after it was announced that crew will be dropped as a varsity sport, but SU Coach Dave Reischman said Rutgers put up a good fight, rowing hard all the way down the course. "It was a good start to the season," said stroke and senior co-captain Matt Morrow.



*Syracuse Varsity Eight Accepts Ten Eyck Trophy from Rutgers Coach Steve "Pops" Wagner*

That shortage of numbers left Rutgers without a JV, so SU's Jayvee and Third Varsity battled for the right to take on the Rutgers JV Four. The Jayvee edged out the 3V and then split into fours to take on Rutgers. That turned out to be the best race of the day, as the SU bow four beat the stern four by a hair, with Rutgers far behind. Phil Marshall's frosh eight also got by the Scarlet Knights to complete the sweep.

## **Orange repeats Goes Cup victory**

Rowing on the Severn River in Annapolis at the break of dawn on a Friday, the Orange varsity eight did something no SU team had done since 1959 – won the Goes Trophy for the second consecutive year. The Orange had to row through Cornell in the last 250 meters to get it done, but that's what happened. "I was like 'it's time to go right now' and we did," four-man Dave Barone said.

The Middies trailed but protested that Cornell had encroached on their lane and the referee awarded Navy second place. Plainly the battle was between the Orange and the Big Red. "As we crept up slowly but surely I could see open and water and **(See Men Still Unbeaten—Page 5)**

### ***Women Third at Big East (from Page One)***

eight division and it has paid off, "Head Coach Kris Sanford told *The Orange Oar*. "Assistant coach Sarah Cannon has coached the novice eight to back to back Big East titles."

If you want to know how much the level of women's rowing has risen in recent years you just have to take a look at the Big East. The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame now has won the team title four years in a row and the Cardinals of Louisville broke a tie for second place in the team standings with SU's Orange Women by beating them in the Varsity Eights. It wasn't long ago that neither ND nor UL was in the Big East, much less a rowing power. Now the April 24 the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association/ US Rowing poll had Notre Dame 6<sup>th</sup> and Louisville 18<sup>th</sup>.



### ***SU Frosh Eight Takes Big East Title on Lake Quinsigamond***

SU goes into the Eastern sprints seeded ninth in the varsity eights and the second varsity eight, sixth in the novice eights and eighth in the third varsity. Sanford says the goal is to finish higher than the seeding, but varsity stroke Allison Doodeman is out with a broken rib, so the challenge will be that much greater.

It's been a season of challenge for the Orange Women, with no home races and tough competition including a race that included top-ranked USC and Radcliffe at the Charles River Classic. The V8 rowed tough with the highly ranked crews for 600 meters until the six seat caught a boat stopping crab.

SU trailed Texas in its second race on the Charles, but rowed through Boston University to win the Kittell Cup. "Just being able to take them in the lat 500 meters was such a thrill for everyone in our boat," senior coxswain Erin Cunningham said.

"We didn't have a good race in the race before so we ended on a really good note," senior co-captain Katie Schneider added."



### ***Varsity Eight Kittell Cup Winners***

While the top goal of making the NCAA's this year seems unreachable, Sanford and her crews are looking to keep moving up at the Eastern Sprints and in the next few seasons.

"We have reached our goal of having depth, now we just have to transfer that to fast boats, Sanford said. "We are faster this year than we were last year in all of our boats, but are still not in NCAA contention. With some very talented young athletes in the freshman and sophomore classes, we look forward to developing the talent in the future so that next year we are in NCAA contention."

***ORANGE ALUMS EXPERIENCE "THRILL OF VICTORY AND AGONY OF DEFEAT" IN "THE BOAT RACE" AS CAMBRIDGE TOPS OXFORD***

Going into The Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge at least two things were certain—the Blue would win and there would be a former SU oarsman in the boat. At the end of the grueling race, it was 2006 SU co-captain Dan O’Shaughnessy’s Cambridge blue in front and Andrew Wright ‘04’s Oxford eight trailing.



*Cambridge Rejoices at the finish line—O’Shaughnessy is in the two seat.*

“An incredible race!” O’Shaughnessy told The Orange Oar. “Oxford threw everything at us in the first half but could never break clear. We kept pushing and pushing around the outside of the surrey bend and actually took some seats on them. Once the course turned in our favour I knew we had it won! We took a length clear on them and sailed home. I have never had to race so hard for so long before, it was quite literally a 2k piece with another 4k to go after. “



*An exhausted Andrew Wright (five seat) and his Oxford teammates*

## **Men Still Unbeaten Heading Into Eastern Sprints (From Page Two)**

then we just drove in the legs and from then on it was kind of 'Home, Sweet Home,'" senior bow man Ryan Armstrong said.

"Our guys did a great job of doing what they had to do when they had to do it," Reischman said.

### **Winning in The City**

The ninth-ranked Orange headed for the Bronx to take on Columbia and Boston University April 29. A strong contingent of SU alums turned out to see the Varsity Eight outrow the Lions and hang onto the Conlan Cup by leaving the Terriers in the distance.

The JV and Third Varsity Four also were winners, and while the frosh trailed, they were close. "They got down early off the start and then fought hard to stay on the stern of two pretty good frosh crews--something they didn't do in Annapolis," Reischman said.

Reischman and his V8 crew liked the result but not the execution. "We had an effective rhythm for the first 500 meters and had just about a length on both crews. I could see the guys try to go on the attack for the middle 1,000 and they got a bit too eager and the rhythm turned "clunky" on us. We were being really aggressive but we weren't moving the boat like we are capable of."

Now back on Onondaga Lake and fitting in practices between final exams, SU is getting ready for the challenge on Quinsigamond.

## **Women, Men on SU's Orange All Access**

Men's Crew and Women's Rowing have a strong presence on the new Orange All-Access section of [www.suathletics.com](http://www.suathletics.com) this spring.

The men's home races against Rutgers are posted as live-to-tape stroke-by-stroke coverage with John Nicholson and Bill Sanford calling the action, plus post race interviews with Coach Dave Reischman and members of the Varsity Eight.

There also are post-Goes Cup race interviews and interviews with Coach Kris Sanford and members of her Varsity Eight as they prepared for the Big East Championships following their Kittell Cup win over BU.

Orange All-Access is a subscription service. For more information log onto the website.

## **Orange and Alumni Heading to Henley Royal Regatta, July 4-7 2007**

Syracuse University Crew will send a team to England to compete in the Henley Royal Regatta this summer for the first time in Coach Dave Reischman's five years at the helm. Details are still being worked out but already quite a few alums are planning to be there to root the Orange on.

Those wishing to attend should contact Coach Phil Marshall to purchase enclosure tickets at his email address of [pmarshal@syr.edu](mailto:pmarshal@syr.edu) or 315 443 2454.

We'll be updating the team's plans and suggestions for Henley travel, accommodations and more so watch your email and check [www.saracrew.org](http://www.saracrew.org) for up-to-date information.

Led by 12 seniors, the Orange is hoping to do some damage at the Sprints and the IRA and head over to race on the River Thames in one of the worlds most prestigious regattas.

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Sunday May 13	Women- Eastern Sprints	Camden, NJ
Sunday May 13	Men's Eastern Sprints	Worcester
Sunday May 20	Men -Dartmouth (Packard Cup)	<b>Syracuse</b>
Fri-Sat-Sun May 25-26-27	NCAA Championships	Oak Ridge, TN
Thursday May 31	I.R.A Regatta	Camden
Friday June 1	I.R.A Regatta	Camden
Saturday June 2	I.R.A Regatta	Camden
July 4-7	Royal Henley Regatta	Henley-on-Thames