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Women Beat BC, Trail BU in Frigid Home Opener; Finish Third at Yale in First Away Races



SU Varsity Versus Opponents, Elements

On a stunningly sunny but bone-chilling morning, the Syracuse University Women's Varsity eight earned a split in a pair of opening day races at home. The Orange trailed Boston University in the opening race of the morning, but came back two hours later to easily defeat Boston College. "We got out in front and were relaxed," Head Coach Kris Sanford said of the second race. "We have to learn to row that way when we get behind."

Boston U defeated the University of Buffalo in its second race of the morning. UB had knocked off BC earlier.

BU won the second varsity eight race over Syracuse. BU 7:31.1 SU 7:39.6

Syracuse's Novice eight opened the season with a solid win, holding off a charging Boston College crew down the stretch. BU was third. SU 7:59.3 BC 8:01.8 BU 8:12.7

SU's novice four also beat Boston College by several lengths of open water. SU 9:36.5 BC 9:50.6

The temperature was well below freezing and there was snow on the ground at Longbranch, as the crews took the water, and some skim ice and debris to deal with near the finish line.
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SU Men Compete With Elites, Win Petites in San Diego

Syracuse University's men varsity eight got some solid competitive experience in San Diego the weekend of April 5-6, just missing the grand final for the Copley Cup, then winning the petite finally easily.

"We were disappointed to be in the petite final," Coach Dave Reischman told *The Orange Oar*. "That's not what we aspire to, but it's a good start to the racing season."

The Orange finished fourth in the first heat Saturday morning, less than a length shy of qualifying. Washington won the heat easily, with Harvard about a length back, Stanford third and SU in contact with the Cardinal eight at the finish. Oregon State, Cal-San Diego and Colgate trailed.

Washington	5:41.6
Harvard	5:46.8
Stanford	5:48.0
Syracuse	5:51.1
Oregon State	5:56.1
UCSD	6:01.6
Colgate	6:12.7

After falling slightly behind at the start
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A MAN "WHOSE BLOOD HAS ALWAYS RUN ORANGE"

He didn't want a big deal made of it. In fact it took some work by Coach Dave Reischman to convince him even to have his name put on the shell he donated. But he came around. And so on a quiet Friday afternoon, March 28, inside the men's bay of the SU Boathouse, Robert M. Hick '54, poured champagne over the bow of the latest addition to the men's fleet.

"I remember having one of these dedications back when I rowed and listening to all of the speeches," Hick said. "In my wildest dreams I never imagined I would be in a position to donate a boat someday and here I am 54 years later."



Men's Team, Alums and others listen...



...to Bob Hick on SU Rowing

His daughters, Barb and Susan were there, with the entire men's team, a handful of alumni and representatives of SU Athletics and the Orange Club. He is a great, but incredibly humble man whose "blood has always run Orange," Barb said of her father. And Bob allowed as how that was true. He said his experience as an oarsman helped him be a better person, family man and businessman. "Appreciate what you're doing here," he told the team members. "Never forget what it's all about."



Susan, Bob, Barbara

Coach Reischman gave that an "amen." What we do during the years we row, he said, is important for those years. "But what we take with us, what we do beyond those years is our legacy – and Bob Hick's commitment is the epitome of that notion."



Maiden Voyage

"I went out for frosh crew and never left the program," Hick said. "I never was a great oarsman—I spent a lot of time in the 3rd varsity and as an alternate. I rowed in three races in the course of four years—one freshmen and two JV. I made a commitment to the rowing program and have never regretted the time/effort I spent to represent SU when I had the opportunity to do so. My job was to make the people above me better and I tried to do my part."

Women's Opening Day (from Page One)

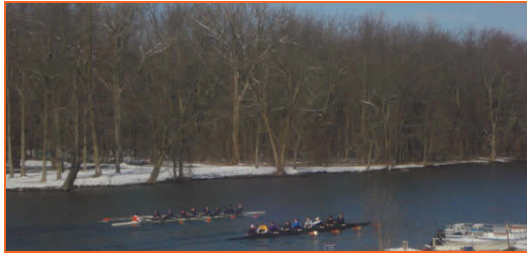
The course had been moved in 500 meters for fear of wind, so the finish line was beyond the John Glenn Boulevard bridge. The breeze turned out to be fairly light and there wasn't much of a chop on Onondaga Lake, but most of the races began with a floating start after it was decided it was too cold to keep people in the stake boats at the starting line.

BU jumped out to an early lead in the first race of the morning and gradually increased it through the 2,000 meters. The Terriers finished in 7:18.2 with Syracuse a bit more than a length behind at 7:23.2

In the race with BC, it was the Orange women who grabbed the lead and kept extending it. They looked strong rowing past the boathouse and despite several efforts to cut into the lead with Power Tens, BC was unable to close the gap. SU 7:26.3 BC 7:47.2

Co-captain and stroke Ally Doodeman told *The Orange Oar* she was pleased overall, but obviously not happy with the loss to BU. "I loved the first race," she said, "except that we lost. (The boat) felt good. I'm glad we had another race (against BC)"

"Both races went well," coxswain and co-captain Tina Campagna said. "Once we get comfortable, we'll be much better."



Novice Eight Leads BC with 500 meters left



Orange Cheer from Boathouse Balcony

Better Times but Third Place Finish at Yale

A week later, SU got a good look at why Yale has been ranked #1 or #2 this year. The Eli Varsity Eight easily outrowed Cornell with the Orange just over a length behind the Big Red. SU's second varsity and novice eights and second novice four also were third, while the Varsity four took second over Yale. On flat water with a tail current, SU's boats covered the course considerably faster than the previous week.

SU WOMEN'S ROWING CALENDAR 2008

April 12	Penn/Northeastern	Boston
April 19 – 20	Charles River Challenge	Boston
April 27	Big East Championships	Oak Ridge, TN
May 18	Eastern Sprints	Camden, NJ

“Frannie’s” Dedication Brings Shell Dedication for SU Women



SU rowers lined up with oars skyward as the varsity eight carried the latest edition to the fleet out to the front of the boathouse for a Saturday morning dedication, March 29. Frank Iacovangelo poured the champagne to christen the shell named for his family. It's recognition of his daughter Francesca's dedication to and love for Orange women's rowing.

"It's great that her family could look at her time with the team as important enough to do this," Head Coach Kris Sanford told a crowd of about 100 women and men's team members, parents, friends and alumni.

"Frannie" herself stood toward the back of the group in her typical low-key way. "They know how much I enjoyed it," she told *The Orange Oar*. "If they can provide the opportunity to other people, that's terrific."

Noting the still brisk weather, and the fact that the varsity had raced twice in the morning, rather than taking "The Iacovangelo Family" out for a traditional first row, the team gave the shell a ceremonial dip it in the channel in front of the boathouse.



Francesca Iacovangelo (*3rd from left*) walked on and rowed as a freshman, then told Sanford she wanted to become the team manager. She held that job her last three years and set a high standard, Sanford said. Iacovangelo graduated in 1998, then earned a law degree from Villanova before returning to S.U. to get a master's degree in broadcast journalism from the Newhouse School.

After working as an internet sports reporter in New York City, she has just accepted a reporting job in Binghamton with News10Now, the 24-hour Cable News Channel based in Syracuse that covers much of upstate New York.

Orange Women Star in Movie to Debut at Boston Event

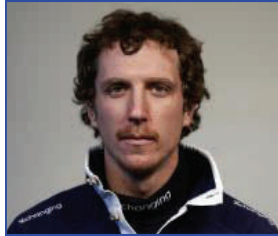
April 18-20 is a big weekend for SU Rowing, with the Orange women racing top competition in the Charles River Challenge, and a documentary chronicling the team making its debut at a reception for parents, alums and other SU supporters put on by the Orange Club on Friday night.

Happy hour at the Hyatt in Cambridge begins at 6 p.m. and will include the showing of "Lake Effect: Making the Varsity Eight", an approximately 90-minute video. Members of the Military Motion Media program at SU's Newhouse School of Public Communications have been tracking the women's team since last fall to put the documentary together and preview segments have been impressive.

Please RSVP to Lisa Moore at lrmoores@syr.edu if you're planning to be there. Admission is free.

BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

ORANGE ALUMS BATTLE IN BRITAIN



Stangel



Wright

S-U Alum Justin Stangel '07 stroked Oxford's Isis eight to victory over Cambridge's Goldie boat, March 29, in the reserve competition of "The Boat Race." Andrew Wright was in the five seat for Oxford.

They get bragging rights over two other SU alums, Dan O'Shaughnessy '06 and Bartosz Szczyrba '07. O'Shaughnessy was at four and Szczyrba at three for Cambridge.

In the main event, Oxford defeated Cambridge easily.



O'Shaughnessy



Szczyrba

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow SARA Members and Supporters of SU Rowing:

With the racing season finally swinging into motion, its great to see all the enthusiasm being generated by those close to the program. Let's keep the energy up, keep the ideas flowing, and extend some of the enthusiasm you've directed toward the program *outward*, as we try to reach more alumni and supporters.

For supporters who'd like to get more involved (even if you are just looking for ideas on how to do so), give us a shout! You can email me directly if you like: jmpremo@hotmail.com

Go Orange!

Jason Premo '98
SARA President

BACKSPASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI



Bob Donabella leads, while Sheila Rook, Gerry Henwood & John Nicholson sing backup



Gerry & Liz Henwood

Sheila Rook '85 and Lynne Pascale '81 – were among the crowd of alumni at the SU Women's first home race in two years. SARA President **Jason Premo '98, Bob Donabella '81, Gerry Henwood '80, and John Nicholson '68** (who served as public address announcer) braved the chill to root the Orange on. Gerry also got to spend a little time with his daughter, co-captain Liz Henwood.

Bill Purdy '79 and Tom Darling '81—rowed in the winning Palm Beach Boat Club D-eight at San Diego, while **Jay Rhodes '90** coxed the winning E-eight for Marin Rowing Association. Jay's crew won in the last 25 strokes. "Fun' doesn't seem to do it justice," He says.



Glenn Heyer Hoofs It

Other alums on hand, competing and observing included **Joe Peter '69, Dave Swenton '87, Bill Sheehan '91 and Austin Curwen '91.**



Bill Sheehan , Austin Curwen, Dave Swenton , Joe Peter & Jay Rhodes.

Tracy Smith '90— tells *The Orange Oar* she didn't make it to San Diego but "got out in my single today. Do I get points for that?" Yes, you do.

Glenn Heyer '00 - has succeeded at going to new lengths, completing the New York City Marathon in 3:55:24. "I really hit the wall in the last three miles," Glenn says. As if that were not enough of a challenge, he got engaged on Dec 29th with the wedding set for March of 2009.

Men Win Petites (from page one)

on Sunday Syracuse, in lane one, powered past the field and won by open water over Oregon State. “We weren’t as clever at the start as we were on Saturday,” Reischman said. “But we rowed into a good solid rhythm.”

Syracuse	5:53.80
Oregon State	5:56.20
Penn	6:00.25
Purdue	6:00.30
UCSD	6:00.35
Colgate	6:00.80

“The only expectation we had coming out here was that we were a crew that was going to row hard,” Reischman said. “And we did that.”

Washington won the Copley Cup over Princeton, which had just qualified for the Grand Final, with Harvard third.



Varsity Eight Takes a Shore Break



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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S CREW CALENDAR 2008

Fri-Sat April 11-12	GWU Invitational (includes Ten Eyck Cup race vs. Rutgers)	Washington, D.C.
Saturday April 19	Navy, Cornell (Goes Cup)	Ithaca
Saturday April 26	BU, Columbia (Conlan Cup)	Syracuse
Saturday May 10	Dartmouth (Packard Cup)	Hanover, NH
Sunday May 18	Eastern Sprints	Worcester, MA
Thursday June 5	IRA Regatta	Camden, NJ
Friday June 6	IRA Regatta	Camden, NJ
Saturday June 7	IRA Regatta	Camden, NJ