New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships Regatta 2019

Yet again the WCS Rowers have stepped up to the plate and achieved an amazing collection of results. On Friday 29th March, twenty-eight WCS rowers plus Coaches were sent off with a magnificent haka to Lake Karapiro to compete at the 2019 New Zealand Secondary School Rowing Champs (Maadi Cup) regatta. As always, the regatta was huge with the boat park jam-packed and 2152 rowers competing and representing 129 Schools.

After a challenging week of heats, repechages, quarters and semi-finals, every single one of our 28 had won their way to at least one of Friday and Saturday’s finals, with an impressive total of thirteen, ten x A, three x B. Nearly every one of our rowers then finished in the top ten with most achieving a top five in NZ placing.

Sometimes I suspect some of our community don’t comprehend exactly how hard this is and the kids don’t get the credit due for their efforts. In fact, of the 2152 competitors, more than 1000 are sitting on the bank by Wednesday evening having been knocked out of the competition. North Is. Champs Silvers and Bronzes often become fourths and fifthths when you add in the best from the South.

Massive thanks to the Coaches, all the parents, in particular Becs & Eric, Deanne & Rich and Nat & Sam for leading the way, keeping everyone fuelled, healthy and ready to give their best shot, much appreciated by myself and the Coaching team.

Some highlights for me were the U17 Boys quad Silver and U18 Bronze, U17 Girls quad – oh so close and the U15 girls indicating their selection with two A finals. I have listed all of our Final placings, but a full set of results are available at: http://rowit.nz/mads2019/results

You can also find lots of photos here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/272116472922126/

Finally, a good indication of how well our squad is going, we have had six rowers selected to trial for the U18 North Is. team for the annual test series with the South Is. Congratulations to Charlotte McKinlay, Phoebe Collier, Alyana du Fresne, Blake Hogan, Leo Hanna & Sam Yorston. Commiserations with a few others, hard to fathom how you have been left out. Their Coach, Tyler Scott has also been appointed to coach the team. For all of them, this is the first step on the Rowing NZ ladder to representing at World Championships.

Boys u17 coxed quad sculls, A Final: Silver medal
Tim Haldane, Blake Hogan, Leo Hanna, Sam Yorston + Hugo Dalgleish

Boys u18 coxed quad sculls, A Final: Bronze medal
Tim Haldane, Blake Hogan, Leo Hanna, Sam Yorston + Hugo Dalgleish

Girls u17 coxed quad sculls, A Final: placed 4th
Charlotte McKinlay, Phoebe Collier, Charlotte Robb, Ruby Hawley-Weed + Bella Stevenson-Watt

**Girls u15 coxed octuple sculls, A Final: placed 5th**

Emma Pearce, Tessa Norman, Emily McKinlay, Gretel Murphy, Haana Kilmister, Annabel Symes, Samantha Hayes, Bridget Jones Long + Lucy Monckton

**Girls u18 coxed quad sculls, A Final: placed 5th**

Lydia MacLean, Phoebe Collier, Catherine Pearce, Chloe Lennox + Hugo Dalgleish

**Girls u18 coxed eight, A Final: placed 5th**

Lydia MacLean, Chloe Lennox, Charlotte McKinlay, Catherine Pearce, Phoebe Collier, Alyana du Fresne, Charlotte Robb, Madison Gundry + Hugo Dalgleish

**Girls u17 coxed four, A Final: placed 6th**

Charlotte McKinlay, Phoebe Collier, Alyana du Fresne, Charlotte Robb + Hugo Dalgleish

**Boys u17 double sculls, A Final: placed 7th**

Blake Hogan, Leo Hanna

**Boys u17 coxed four, A Final: placed 7th**

Leo Hanna, Blake Hogan, Jack Norman, Tim Haldane + Bella Stevenson-Watt

**Girls u15 coxed eight, A Final: placed 8th**

Emma Pearce, Tessa Norman, Emily McKinlay, Gretel Murphy, Annabel Symes, Margy Hazelhurst, Samantha Hayes, Bridget Jones Long + Lucy Monckton

**Boys u18 coxless pair oars, B Final: placed 2nd**

Jack Norman, Darien Parsons

**Boys u16 single sculls, B Final: placed 5th**

Joe Hazelhurst

**Girls u18 coxed four, B Final: scratched to save energy for Eight A final**

Lydia MacLean, Catherine Pearce, Charlotte McKinlay, Chloe Lennox + Bella Stevenson-Watt