

Rowers Raise the Bar at C.R.A.S.H. - B World Indoor Rowing Championships

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As we approach what hopes to be a very exciting spring season, a small group of rowers from both the boys' and girls' Varsity crew teams sacrificed their time (and bodies) this winter dedicating themselves to a routine of weight lifting and erging with Varsity Boys' Crew Head Coach Lindsay Brown. For some of them, the season ended with a 2,000M test in Boston at the challenging and world renown C.R.A.S.H. - B Sprints held at Boston University's Agganis Arena.

Senior coxswain Jameson Pesce '11 raced in the Coxswain (<130 lb) category, and pulled a personal record for a 5th place overall finish. Sean Crowley '11 raced in the Men's Open category racing against elite collegiate and National Team rowers, and still managed to pull a personal record 6:26.5 to finish 96th out of 238 competitors. Senior James Metcalf raced in the Men's Open Junior event, and despite a crippling cramp, pulled his best time as a St. Andrian with 6:55.3. Rob Rasmussen '12 and Jeff Rogers '12 competed in the Men's Junior Lightweight event. Rob finished 22nd out of 162 competitors with an impressive time of 6:45.0. Jeff set a personal record of 6:26.7 and finished on the podium with an overall 2nd place finish!

Two members of the Varsity girls' team also competed. Katie Toothman '12 raced in the Women's Open Junior event, finishing 6th out of 206, and staked her place as the top American finisher. Livvie Francis '12 competed in the Women's Junior Lightweight event and finished 11th out of 82.

Some alumni also participated in the weekend. Taylor Brown '08, and current Brown University rower, competed in the Men's Open event and finished 20th out of the 238 with an outstanding time of 6:08.8. Special thanks to Robert Colburn '80 who served as a coxswain for several SAS rowers, as did Mary Jo Toothman '08 for her sister.

The crew season for both the boys and girls kicks off on April 2 at 1:00 p.m. on the shores of Noxontown Pond.