

High school crew wrap-up: Radnor, Conestoga make waves at Mercer Lake Sprints

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Radnor's Novice 8 receives their second-place medals at the Mercer Lake Sprints Saturday. From left is Audrey Gordon, Nina Luker, Susanna Lowy, Margot Steely, Sarah Miccolis, Olivia Bradberry, Maddie Chapin, Maddie Macrone, Alexis Berg and coach Dani Thole. (Karen Fitch photo)

The Radnor girls crew club entered eight boats at the 2011 Mercer Lake Sprints/ISA Sculling Championships in West Windsor, N.J. There were about 60 rowing clubs from eight states represented at the regatta. Several Radnor athletes rowed in two events.

Unfortunately, the regatta was terminated in early evening due to deteriorating weather conditions. Luckily, the Radnor girls' crew club had several winning races before the day was over.

Two freshmen boats raced in the Novice category with one finishing first and the other ending second in their respective heats. A Radnor boat including Griffin Rauscher, Gabrielle Giangrasso, Rachel Hochberger, Jane derSimonian, Marysa Mazanek, Abby Raichek, Molly Dixon, Julia Gallagher and Katie Dillon (coxswain) placed first in their heat in Women's 2nd Novice.

Racing in the Novice 8+ was Nina Luker, Sarah Miccolis, Margot Steely, Susanna Lowy, Olivia Bradberry, Maddie Chapin, Maddie Macrone, Alexis Berg and Audrey Gordon (coxswain), and they placed second of six in their heat.

Later in the day, the Radnor freshmen raced in a Women's 3rd Varsity Four event. These Radnor rowers placed second in their heat of more experienced rowers. Freshmen in this boat included Olivia Bradberry, Susanna Lowy, Margot Steely, Maddie Chapin and Audrey Gordon (coxswain).

The freshmen Radnor rowers were not the only ones doing well. The Varsity 8 boat placed second in their afternoon heat. Unfortunately, this boat did not have their final race due to the termination of the regatta. Members of this boat include Sydney Cantor (coxswain), Kendall Chapin, Chandler Lally, Sophia Blair, Lexie Katz, Alli Webster, Emma Burke, Hannah Edelman and Kirsten Fitch.

A Lightweight Four boat also placed second in a very competitive race - less than half a second ahead of third place. Members of this boat included Hannah Edelman, Greer Howard, Lauren Turner, Kirsten Fitch and Sydney Cantor (coxswain).

A Second Varsity 8 boat continued the streak for the Radnor rowers. With weather conditions deteriorating, this boat finished second of seven in their heat. Members of the boat included Liz Bereznek, Emma Howard, Haley Callinan, Greer Howard, Lauren Turner, Celia Parkin, Rebecca Michelson, Carly MacCormick and Sophia Faude (coxswain). This was the final race of the day.

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