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BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEN'S CREW NOTES



BOSTON UNIVERSITY 2004 MEN'S EASTERN SPRINTS NOTES

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WHERE THEY ARE SEEDED: Below is a list of where the Terriers have been seeded for this year's Eastern Sprints and against whom they will be rowing in the morning heats.

Varsity Heavyweight: The Terriers are seeded 11th and will row in the morning heat against second-seeded Princeton, fifth-seeded Northeastern, eighth-seeded Brown, 14th-seeded Georgetown, and unranked Holy Cross. The Crusaders are unranked because they are a Dad Vail school and receive an invitation to the Sprints by virtue of their being the host institution.

Second Varsity: The Terriers are ranked 10th and will row against third-seeded Wisconsin, fourth-seeded Princeton, ninth-seeded Syracuse, and 15th-seeded MIT.

Third Varsity: The Terriers are ranked sixth, and, with only six total boats entered there will be no morning heats. Instead, all six boats—Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Navy, and Wisconsin along with the Terriers will row in a final race at 2:24 p.m. on Sunday.

First Freshmen: The first freshmen eight boat is ranked 12th and will face top-seeded Harvard, sixth-seeded Syracuse, seventh-seeded Northeastern, and 13th-seeded Dartmouth.

Second Freshmen: The Terriers are seeded eighth and will row against top-seeded Brown, fourth-seeded Princeton, and fifth-seeded Yale.

HOW THEY FARED AGAINST THEIR MORNING FOES: Earlier this year, the varsity, second varsity, and first freshmen boats all raced against at least one of their opponents in the Sprints' morning heats. Here is how each fared.

Varsity Heavyweight: The Terriers lost to both Brown and Northeastern. Rowing for the Michaelson Cup on April 3rd, the Terriers lost to host Brown by just one second—5:42.2 to 5:43.2. The week later, on April 10th, the Terriers lost the Arlett Cup to Northeastern by a little more than four seconds—6:32.2 to 6:36.8.

Second Varsity: The Terriers are 1-2 against their morning opponents. They opened their season at Syracuse on March 27th and lost to the Orange by four seconds—6:01.5 to 6:05.5. Then, in their spring regatta finale, they lost to Wisconsin but beat MIT. The Terriers' time of 6:33.6 trailed the Badgers' 6:23.4 but bested MIT's 7:14.9.

First Freshmen: The freshmen, like the second varsity, are 1-2 vs. their morning foes. On March 27th, they lost to Syracuse, by a mere 1.9 seconds—5:59.6 to 6:00 .6. Two weeks later, on April 10th, Northeastern crossed the finish line ahead of the Terriers by just under 11 seconds—6:48.6 to 6:59.0. The freshmen then won their first race of the season against Dartmouth on April 17th. Actually, it was a three-boat regatta as Rutgers was also entered and B.U. bested the Scarlet Knights. The Terriers were timed in

6:06.2 to 6:13.5 for Dartmouth and 6:20.0 for Rutgers.

MENNIGEN NAMED TEAM MVP: Sophomore Florian Mennigen (Mustin, Germany) has been voted team MVP. Mennigen started the season at the three seat but was moved to the seven seat prior to the Columbia regatta.

ROWING THE BEST ALL SEASON: The Terriers will be entering the Sprints having put together their best two races of the season. Two weeks ago, rowing against Columbia, Terrier head coach Rodney Pratt shuffled much of his lineup within the varsity boat. The result was a 22-second win over the Lions.

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Tentative Boatings For 2004 Eastern Sprints

(These boatings are based on how the Terriers rowed against Wisconsin and MIT in the final spring regatta. Rowing for the Jablonic Cup on the Charles River on Sunday, May 2, the Terriers finished second to the Badgers in all three races. Barring any unforeseen changes, the Terriers are expected to go with the same lineup at the Sprints.)

First Varsity

Seat	Name	Cl	Hgt	Wgt	Hometown
Bow	Andrew Holmberg	Jr	6-4	184	Falkenberg, Germany
2	Jordan Thurlow	Sr	6-3	200	Sydney, Australia
3	Fergus Hodgson	So	6-2	200	Ngarawahia, NZ
4	James Allgood	Jr	6-4	215	Alexandria, VA
5	Jaxon Rudduck	Jr	6-2	215	Sydney, Australia
6	Martin Bahls	Jr	6-2	200	Sauritz, Germany
7	Florian Mennigen	So	6-4	200	Mustin, Germany
Str	Adam Bright	Jr	6-7	203	Brisbane, Australia
Cox	Heather Constant	Jr	5-9	125	Princeton, NJ

Second Varsity

Seat	Name	Cl	Hgt	Wgt	Hometown
Bow	Gary Jones	Sr	6-2	180	Orchard Park, NY
2	Thomas Roseberry	Sr	5-10	172	Eastsound, WA
3	Anthony Mullin	So	6-5	210	Leeds, England
4	Justin Ball	Jr	6-2	190	St. Louis, MO
5	James Gaynor	Sr	6-3	193	Tonawanda, NY
6	Sean Dixon	Sr	6-5	200	Buffalo, NY
7	Michael Siedband	Sr	6-3	170	San Diego, CA
Str	William Daly	So	6-3	160	Vail, CO
Cox	Joseph Tita	Jr	5-6	130	Sylvania, OH

First Freshmen

Seat	Name	Hgt	Wgt	Hometown
Bow	Christopher Gordon	6-5	175	Lakeville, CT
2	J.D. Beebe	6-2	170	Ridgefield, CT
3	Elliot Hopper	6-7	200	Burke, VA
4	Eric Mallard	6-3	175	East Greenwich, RI
5	Cody Gantz	6-3	180	Wayland, MA
6	Lukasz Turolski	6-1	185	Boston, MA
7	Jens Robatzek	6-5	210	Straslund, Germany
Str	Jozef Klaassen	6-6	198	Whakatane, NZ
Cox	James Fynes	5-5	117	West Chester, PA

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY CREW 2004 Spring Results

**March 27, 2004 at Liverpool, NY vs. Syracuse
(Conlan Cup)**

Conditions: slight to moderate tail wind

First Varsity:

1.) Boston University, 5:51.2; 2.) Syracuse, 5:53.5

Second Varsity:

1.) Syracuse, 6:01.5; 2.) Boston University, 6:05.5

First Freshmen:

1.) Syracuse, 5:59.6; 2.) Boston University, 6:00.9

**April 3, 2004 at Providence, RI vs. Brown
(Michaelson Cup)**

Conditions: strong & steady tail wind, some white caps

First Varsity:

1.) Brown, 5:42.2; 2.) Boston University, 5:43.2

Second Varsity:

1.) Brown, 5:53.4; 2.) Boston University, 6:05.8

First Freshmen:

1.) Brown, 5:56.5; 2.) Boston University, 6:06.3

**April 10, 2004 on The Charles vs Northeastern
(Arlett Cup)**

Conditions: none reported

First Varsity:

1.) Northeastern, 6:32.2; 2.) Boston University, 6:36.8

Second Varsity:

1.) Boston University, 6:37.9; 2.) Northeastern, 6:38.8

First Freshmen:

1.) Northeastern, 6:48.6; 2.) Boston University, 6:59.0

**April 17, 2004 on The Charles vs Dartmouth and Rutgers
(Bill Cup)**

Conditions: ideal flat water no wind

First Varsity:

1.) Dartmouth, 5:56.2; 2.) Rutgers, 5:58.4; 3.) Boston University, 6:00.4

Second Varsity:

1.) Rutgers, 6:07.3; 2.) Boston University, 6:12.5; 3.) Dartmouth, 6:13.1

First Freshmen:

1.) Boston University, 6:06.2; 2.) Dartmouth, 6:13.5; 3.) Rutgers, 6:20.0

**April 24, 2004 on the Charles River vs Columbia
(Lusins Trophy)**

Conditions: measured head wind, flat water

First Varsity:

1.) Boston University, 6:19.7; 2.) Columbia, 6:41.2

Second Varsity:

There was no race for the second varsity

First Freshmen:

1.) Boston University, 6:29.1; 2.) Columbia, 6:42.5

**May 2, 2004 on The Charles vs. Wisconsin and MIT
(Jablonic Cup)**

Conditions: 12-14 mph cross head wind, flat water

First Varsity:

1.) Wisconsin, 6:16.7; 2.) Boston University, 6:18.3; 3.) MIT, 6:48.4

Second Varsity:

1.) Wisconsin, 6:23.4; 2.) Boston University, 6:33.6; 3.) MIT, 7:14.9

First Freshmen:

1.) Wisconsin, 6:24.1; 2.) Boston University, 6:25.5; 3.) MIT, 7:17

Pratt kept the lineup intact this past Sunday (May 2) against Wisconsin and MIT. The Terriers continued to show improvement as they lost to the Badgers by 1.6 seconds.

PRATT ON THE SEASON: In summing up the Terriers' season, Coach Pratt said, "For the most part, I have been very pleased with how we have rowed. We stuttered in a couple of races, but we are rowing well now, and I feel that our star is rising. We opened the season by beating Syracuse in a good race for us. Then, I thought we rowed very well at Brown where we lost to them by just one second. Then, we stuttered a bit against Northeastern and Dartmouth and Rutgers. In each case, we lost a length in the second 500 and could not make up the distance. After the Bill Cup (Dartmouth and Rutgers), I changed the lineup against Columbia and we had a solid row. Then, against Wisconsin, we rowed very well. It was a stirring performance. At one point, we were down by nearly seven seats, but we never quit. We showed a lot of poise. We rowed a race today (Sunday, May 2). We rowed like a varsity crew. We joined the club today."

3-5 THIS SPRING: The Terriers finished their spring schedule with a 3-5 record. Their wins were over Syracuse in the Conlan Cup, Columbia for the Lusins Trophy, and MIT in a three-boat regatta won by Wisconsin. Their losses were to Brown (Michaelson Cup) and Northeastern (Arlett Cup) in dual-boat regattas, Dartmouth and Rutgers (Bill Cup) in a three-boat regatta, and Wisconsin (Jablonic Cup) in a regatta that included MIT.

AN INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR: Of the eight rowers in the varsity boat, there is just one from the United States. He is senior James Allgood, who hails from Alexandria, VA. By comparison, there are three from Australia—senior Jordan Thurlow (Sydney), and juniors Jaxon Rudduck (Sydney), and Adam Bright (Brisbane), two from Germany—junior Martin Bahls (Sauritz) and sophomore Florian Mennigen (Mustin) and one each from New Zealand—sophomore Fergus Hodgson (Ngaruawahia) and Sweden—junior Anders Holmberg (Falkenberg)...Cox Heather Constant is a junior from Princeton, NJ.

BY CLASS: The varsity boat has just one senior, while there are six juniors and two sophomores. The senior marking his final Sprints is captain Jordan Thurlow. James Allgood, Anders Holmberg, Jaxon Rudduck, Martin Bahls, Adam Bright, and coxswain Heather Constant represent the junior class, while the sophomores are Fergus Hodgson and Florian Mennigen.

THIRD VARSITY SPRINTS FOR THURLOW: For Jordan Thurlow, this will mark the third straight year he will be sitting in the varsity boat at the Sprints.

BY SIZE: The tallest member of the varsity boat is Adam Bright, who stands 6-7. At 203 pounds, the junior, who will be stroking the boat, is not the heaviest man in the boat. James Allgood and Jaxon Rudduck share that distinction. Each weighs 215 pounds. Allgood stands 6-4, while Rudduck is 6-2.

EIGHT SENIORS TO MISS GRADUATION: Seven seniors will be missing the May 16th graduation ceremonies at B.U. in favor of rowing in their final Eastern Sprints. One of the seniors is in the varsity boat, while five will be in the second varsity, and two will be in the third varsity. The heavyweight rower is captain Jordan Thurlow (Sydney, Australia). Sitting in the 2V will be Gary Jones (Orchard Park, NY), Thomas Roseberry (Eastsound, WA), James Gaynor (Tonawanda, NY), Sean Dixon (Buffalo, NY), and Michael Siedband (San Diego, CA). Michael Bernheisel (Ivyland, PA) and Brett Demshar (Carrabassett Valley, ME) will be in the 3V boat.

SENIORS TO BE PRESENTED DIPLOMAS: Between the morning and afternoon rowing, the seniors will be

presented their diplomas by Boston University assistant provost Suzanne Kennedy.

PRATT ON THE SPRINTS: "I just want to make it to the finals," said the Terrier coach. "We have come close twice (1991 and 1998) but we have never made it since I have been the coach. Once we make it to the final, then anything can happen. I really feel we have the firepower and capability to make it to the final. Right now, that's my goal."

SPRINTS SEEDING HISTORY: The Terriers' lowest seeding in the heavyweight event under Coach Pratt was 13th during a three-year span—1999, 2000, and 2001... Their highest seeding was in 1998 when they were eighth. Prior to that, the previous three years they were seeded 12th...Last year, they were seeded 12th.

NOT SINCE 1990: The last time the Terriers advanced to the Sprints' finals was in 1990, when they finished sixth overall.

RECAPPING LAST YEAR'S SPRINTS: The Terrier men's varsity crews, headed by varsity heavyweight eight, rowed better than they were seeded at last year's Eastern Sprints that were held on May 11th. The varsity crew entered the competition ranked 12th out of 16 crews, as only Syracuse, Georgetown, Columbia, and MIT were ranked below the Terriers. Rowing in the petite final, the Terriers finished second only to Northeastern by less than a length. The Huskies rowed the 2,000-meter course in 6:20.02, while the Terriers were clocked in 6:21.77. Their second-place finish in the petites left them eighth overall, which is four places higher than their seed. B.U. finished ahead of Cornell (6:24.05), Princeton (6:32.31), Yale (6:33.26), and Penn (6:34.11). Cornell was seeded fourth in the varsity heavyweight event, while Princeton was eighth. Yale was 11th and Penn was 10th. "I was very pleased with how we rowed in the afternoon race," said Terrier head coach Rodney Pratt. "It is the first time in my 13 years at B.U. that we beat Princeton. We rowed through them (Princeton) by the middle of the race, and we were taking seats off Northeastern at the end."

TIED FOR PRATT'S BEST FINISH: Last year's eighth-place finish tied Coach Pratt for the best finish at the Sprints by the Terrier heavyweight boat. Two other times the Terriers finished eighth. The first time was in 1994, while they repeated that final standing in 1995... Prior to 1994, his team's best finish had been ninth in 1991. That boat narrowly missed a trip to the Finals when Princeton edged them by less than a foot in the morning heat. The team's lowest finish under Pratt was 13th in 2000 when the Terriers won the third-level final. Finishing his 14th season as the Terrier head coach, it is the only time his varsity boat has been in the third level finals in the Sprints. His boats have finished 12th three times—1992, 1993, and 1999.

TWICE LOST IN A PHOTO FINISH: Twice during his time as the Terriers' head coach, Pratt and his varsity heavyweight missed making the finals in a photo finish. The first was in 1991, when, as mentioned above, Princeton edged out B.U. to advance to the afternoon's finals. The second was in 1998 when it took officials 20 minutes before they ruled that Wisconsin slipped past the Terriers into the finals.