



# Season

# in Review

**A member of Notre Dame's class of 2004, Danielle Protasewich and the Irish varsity eight crew earned the school's second NCAA at-large berth, advancing to the semifinals and finishing 11th among 16 other participating boats. That same crew also won the varsity eight race at the BIG EAST in leading Notre Dame to the school's first-ever conference crown.**



## 2003-04 Season Highlighted By BIG EAST Crown And NCAA Appearance By Varsity Eight Boat

Notre Dame's 2003-04 rowing season was arguably its most successful in the six-year history of the program. The accomplishments of a year ago certainly provided a strong foundation and springboard for the future.

The team and individual achievements were testaments to the continued strides that have been made under head coach Martin Stone. In six years, under his guidance and leadership, Notre Dame has built a national-caliber program.

The '03-'04 season was highlighted by a BIG EAST championship crown and the appearance of Notre Dame's varsity eight boat as an at-large participant in the NCAA Championships. It marked the second time that the Irish varsity crew qualified for the championship.

Making its second NCAA appearance, Notre Dame earned an impressive 11th-place finish at the NCAA championships after finishing 16th in 2002.

In winning its first-ever BIG EAST Rowing Challenge crown, Notre Dame won gold medals in the varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four, second varsity four and novice four boats.

Stone was named BIG EAST Coach of the Year.

In the team competition at the Central/South Region Championships, the Irish finished sixth overall with three boats earning spots in the Grand Finals of their respective races.

Notre Dame's varsity eight boat defeated #15 Boston University for its best win of the season over a ranked opponent. The Irish would go on to finish 16th in the final US Rowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) Coaches Poll.

Natalie Ladine earned first-team all-Central Region CRCA honors, while teammate Alice Bartek was a second-team honoree.

Ladine, Katie Chenoweth and Jacqueline Hazen were among 124 recipients of the National Scholar-Athlete Award.

Ladine capped off her illustrious career by earning first-team All-America honors from the CRCA to become the first rower in Notre Dame history to receive first-team accolades. She also has the distinction of being the only rower to compete in both the '02 and '04 NCAA Championships as a member of the varsity eight boat.

### Head of the Rock

**October 12, 2003 - Rockford, Ill.**

Notre Dame took first in the pairs race while finishing fourth and seventh in the open eight race and fourth and fifth in the fours at the Head of the Rock Regatta.

The Irish first varsity eight of Kathryn Long, Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Ashley St. Pierre, Danielle Protasewich, Jacqueline Hazen, Melissa Felker and Kathleen Welsh placed fourth in 16:46.4. Wisconsin was first in 16:16.9, followed by Minnesota in second at 16:21.8 and Iowa in third at 16:35.3.

The second varsity eight of Kacy McCaffrey, Rachel Polinski, Jenna Redgate, Meredith Thornburgh, Katie O'Hara, Danielle Stealy, Andrea Doud, Sarah Palandech and Megan Sanders was seventh in 17:03.2, while the third varsity eight of Maureen Gibbons, Kati Sedun, Jessica Guzik, Alyssa Close, Kristin Henkel, Pamela Jefson, Sarah French, Megan Sheehan and Sarah Keefer was 12th in 17:28.3. The fourth varsity eight of Shannan Lettieri, Kristen Mizzi, Morgan Ertel, Colleen Larson, Ann Mulligan, Julie Lewis, Sarah Kate Hafner, Catherine Schmidt and Tricia David was 16th in 17:46.5.



*2004 BIG EAST Champions*





*Jacqueline Hazen and the Irish had an impressive showing in its first appearance at the prestigious Head of the Charles with a third-place finish in the Club Eight race.*

time of 5:01.40 in the first piece, came in at 5:02.00 in the second session and finished in 5:08.00 in heat three, edging out the Spartans in all three heats.

The Irish first varsity eight (Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Katie Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen) fared very well against their nationally-ranked foes. Notre Dame was narrowly defeated by the Lady Vols in the first heat as Tennessee finished in 4:36.53 and the Irish took second with a time of 4:38.01. The Notre Dame crew also just missed first place in the third race as the Irish were defeated by slightly over one second, finishing in 4:20.67 compared to Tennessee's time of 4:19.59. The first varsity four crew of Long, Jefson, Thornburgh, Close and Mizzi earned second place in all three of their races as Michigan State swept the event. The Irish crew came across in times of 5:12.69, 5:26.43 and 5:25.89, respectively.

In the varsity four, the Irish fared well, finishing fourth and fifth. The crew of Long, Polinski, Sedun, Thornburgh and O'Hara was fourth in 18:46.7 and the boat of Gibbons, Jefson, Keefer, Sheehan and French placed fifth in 18:54.7. In the pairs, Notre Dame took two of the top five places and six of the top 17. The duo of Ladine and Bartek won the pairs race, with a time of 19:35.3, finishing more than six seconds ahead of the next boat. The Irish were followed by Iowa's first pair, Wisconsin, Iowa's second pair, and in fifth was the Irish pair of Protasewich and Welsh.

In their first-ever collegiate race, the novice boats did very well. The novice eight team of Eileen Froehlke, Hafner, Shannon Cassel, Caroline Murphy, Elizabeth Hatch, Kerstin Palm, Sarah Shaw, Danielle Potts and Colleen McCotter, finished in second place in 18:53.1. The novice four crew of Erin Weedon, St. Pierre, Guzik, Close and Larson won first place in 19:14.0, finishing more than seven seconds ahead of the next boat, Wisconsin, who finished in 19:21.4.

## Head of the Charles

**October 18-19, 2003 - Boston, Mass.**

Notre Dame made its first-ever appearance at the 2003 Head of the Charles, the nation's premier rowing event. The Notre Dame crew of McCaffrey, Polinski, Elizabeth Specht, Thornburgh, Hazen, Stealy, Doud, Palendech and Sanders finished third out of 47 boats in the Club Eight race. Riverside Club was first, followed by the University of Tennessee. The Irish started the race 26th out of the 47 boats and stroked an amazing race to finish third. Notre Dame's third-place finish also earned the crew an automatic invitation to the 2004 Head of the Charles in the Club Eight race.

The Notre Dame first varsity eight crew of Long, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Redgate, Felker, St. Pierre, Protasewich and Welsh placed 29th in the Championship Race. Notre Dame finished the head-style race in a time of 17:16.833, well behind the London Training Center which won in 15:31.082. The United States National Team was second in 15:49.558, followed by the

Princeton Training Center in third at 15:56.977. The top collegiate finisher was Yale, who was fourth in 16:08.259.

## Head of the Eagle

**October 18, 2003 - Indianapolis, Ind.**

The Irish sent four crews to the Head of the Eagle. The Irish "B" crew of Weeden, Mizzi, Ertel, Mulligan, Schmidt, Hafner, Froehlke and Potts placed first in the varsity eight race in a time of 14:29. Indiana was second in 14:32, while the Irish "A" crew of Lettieri, Sedun, Guzik, Close, Henkel, Jefson, Larson, Sheehan and Keefer was third in 14:36. In the novice eight event, Notre Dame took third and fifth. Purdue was first in 15:13, followed by Louisville in 15:30. The Irish "A" crew of Maria Romano, Palm, Cassel, Murphy, Hatch, Jillian Vitter, Shaw, Ariel Klingaman and McCotter was third in 15:54, while Purdue "B" finished fourth in 16:20 and Notre Dame's "B" crew of Froehlke, Alicia Cooper, Kaitlin Sharkey, Samantha Glass, Jana Miller, Meghan Chidsey, Jenn Caston, Audrey DeGuire and Allison McKillen placed fifth in 16:22.

## Tennessee

**March 13, 2004 - Knoxville, Tenn.**

Notre Dame opened the spring portion of its campaign by winning six races against eighth-ranked Michigan State and 13th-ranked Tennessee. The tri-regatta was raced in three sessions with Notre Dame winning all three second varsity four races and first novice eight heats.

The Irish second varsity four crew of Caitlin Rackish, O'Hara, Stealy, Henkel and David won their first heat by more than nine seconds over second-place Tennessee (5:26.64), finishing in a time of 5:17.62. In the second session, the crew was victorious over the Spartans by just under nine seconds as they came across the line in 5:21.38. In the final piece, Notre Dame (5:21.38) won over Michigan State (5:29.29) again. Notre Dame's first novice eight crew of Froehlke, Hafner, Klingaman, Potts, Hatch, Cassel, Shaw, Meghan Chidsey and McCotter, won with a

## Duke

**March 14, 2004 - Oak Ridge, Tenn.**

The regatta against 18th-ranked Duke featured five races with the Irish prevailing victoriously in the varsity four, the novice eight and the novice four.

The Irish second varsity four crew of Rackish, O'Hara, Stealy, Henkel and David won the varsity four race by more than nine seconds over the Notre Dame first varsity four boat of Long, Jefson, Thornburgh, Close and Mizzi as they finished in times of 7:46.12 and 7:55.14, respectively. The Blue Devils were next at 8:04.87 and the third Irish varsity four boat of Lettieri, Keefer, Lewis, Mulligan and Miller came in fourth (8:23.88).

The Irish first novice eight also defeated Duke. Notre Dame's crew of Froehlke, Hafner, Klingaman, Potts, Hatch, Cassel, Shaw, Chidsey and McCotter came across the line at 7:14.19, almost a full minute ahead of the Blue Devils (8:12.06). Notre Dame's novice four crew also was successful in the regatta as it beat Duke (8:40.75) with a time of 8:32.22. The Irish boat was comprised of Bridget Osetinsky, Audrey DeGuire, Alicia Cooper, Samantha Glass and Kaitlin Sharkey. The Irish first varsity eight crew of Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen came in as a close second (6:49.25) to Duke's first-place time of 6:45.11.

## Michigan/Clemson/ Michigan State/ Eastern Michigan

**March 27, 2004 - Ann Arbor, Mich.**

The Irish turned in an impressive performance in a five-team regatta at Michigan, which featured seven races. The day's competition for Notre Dame was highlighted by the Irish first varsity four boat finishing first and the first varsity eight crew taking second to No.



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The first varsity four boat of Long, O'Hara, Stealy, Jefson and Mizzi won the race by more than three seconds over Michigan State's boat.

The Irish finished with a time of 7:14.8, while the Spartans turned in a time of 7:17.2. Michigan took third in the race with a time of 7:19.9, while Clemson (7:36.1) was fourth and Eastern Michigan (8:02.00) fifth.

Notre Dame's first varsity eight (Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen) took second in the race with a time 6:25.0, less than five second behind Michigan' boat which crossed the finish line in 6:19.2. Clemson was third in the race in 6:34.3, while Eastern Michigan took fourth with a time of 6:40.2. The Irish second varsity eight crew of McCaffrey, Guzik, Welsh, Sedun, Redgate, Specht, Doud, St. Pierre and Sanders took third in 6:49.7, behind Michigan (6:35.0) and Clemson (6:48.0).

The second varsity four boat of Rackish, Henkel, Thornburgh, Close and Larson placed in 7:36.9, behind Michigan (7:17.3) and Michigan State (7:23.7). In

the third varsity four race, the Irish "A" boat of Lettieri, Keefer, Mulligan, Courtney Quinn and David took second in 7:39.8, finishing behind the Michigan boat, which won the race with a time of 7:30.0. Michigan State took third, while the Irish "B" of Romano, DeGuire, Cooper, Glass and Sharkey placed fourth in 7:52.1 Notre Dame's first novice eight boat of Froehlke, Hafner, Klingman, Cassel, Hatch, Potts, Shaw, Chidsey and McCotter finished third with a time of 7:01.3, behind Michigan State (6:47.0) and Clemson (6:51.2) and ahead of Michigan (7:10.3) and Eastern Michigan (7:35.8).

## San Diego Crew Classic

**April 3-4, 2004 - San Diego, Calif.**

Facing the top varsity eight boats in the country, the No. 20 Notre Dame varsity eight crew placed seventh in the Jessop-Whittier Cup final at the San Diego Crew Classic. The varsity eight crew of Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen, which tied for third in the preliminary heat, crossed the finish line in 7:16.90. California, ranked second nationally, won the race with a time of 6:57.1, followed by No. 10 Washington (7:00.63), No. 14 Tennessee (7:02.68), No. 12 Washington State (7:04.10), Wisconsin (7:06.02) and No. 11 Southern California (7:09.25).



*Alice Bartek earned CRCA second team all-Central Region honors after leading the Irish varsity eight boat to an 11th-place finish at the NCAA championship.*

The Irish second varsity eight boat had one of its best races of the season as it placed second in the Petite Final. The crew of McCaffrey, Sedun, Welsh, Specht, Redgate, Guzik, Doud, St. Pierre and Sanders was clocked in 7:12.36, less than five second behind Texas' winning boat which finished with a time of 7:07.67. UCLA took third in the race in 7:15.66, followed by Stanford (7:18.81), Clemson (7:22.20) and Kansas State (7:23.34).

## Indiana Classic

**April 10, 2004 - Indianapolis, Ind.**

No. 17 Notre Dame finished second to No. 10 Michigan State at the Indiana Classic. The Irish boat of Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen finished in a time of 6:34.55, just over six seconds behind Michigan State (6:28.49). Indiana crossed the finish line in third with a time of 6:46.40, while Purdue was second in 6:52.61.

The second varsity eight boat of McCaffrey, Sedun, Welsh, Specht, Redgate, Guzik, Doud, St. Pierre and Sanders, also took second in its race to Michigan State. The Irish crew finished with a time of 6:47.38, seven seconds behind the Spartan boat which finished the course in 6:40.7. The first of two Purdue boats was third in

6:53.61, followed by the other Boilermaker boat, which crossed the finish line in 7:03.91. Indiana was fifth in the race in 7:05.74.

Notre Dame's varsity four crew of Long, O'Hara, Stealy, Jefson and Mizzi took second to Michigan State. The Irish finished with a time of 7:19.17, less than five seconds behind the Spartan boat that was clocked in 7:14.62. Indiana took third in 7:47.96. Notre Dame had two boats in the second varsity four race. The Irish "B" crew of Lettieri, Keefer, David, Quinn and Mulligan was second to Michigan State (7:50.2) finishing in 7:59.33. The Irish "A" boat consisted of Rackish, Thornburgh, Close, Larson and Henkel as that crew posted a time of 8:00.91.

The Irish novice eight crew of Froehlke, Hafner, Hatch, Potts, Klingaman, Cassel, Shaw, Chidsey and McCotter took fourth in its race with a time of 7:18.24. Michigan State was first in 7:05.16, followed by Purdue (7:14.09) and Indiana (7:16.76). Notre Dame's novice four boat of Romano, DeGuire, Cooper, Glass and Sharkey was victorious over Indiana's boat as the Irish finished with a time of 8:04.7.

## Boston University/ Northeastern

**April 24, 2004 - Boston, Mass.**

Notre Dame won three of six races at the Women's Council Cup. The No. 17 Irish varsity eight boat pulled off an impressive win in the featured race as that crew recorded its biggest win of the season against No. 15 Boston University. The three competing teams - Notre Dame, Northeastern and host Boston University - rowed six events. In addition to its win in the varsity eight competition, the Irish crews also produced wins in the varsity four and novice four races.

Notre Dame's varsity eight crew of Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen defeated Boston University (6:57.32) by less than two seconds with a winning time of 6:55.45. Northeastern finished third in the race in 7:11.95. Boston University won the second varsity eight race with a time of 7:21.04. The second varsity eight crew of McCaffrey, Sedun, Welsh, Guzik, Redgate, Specht, Sanders, Stealy and Doud took second as they were clocked in 7:22.6. Northeastern was third with a time of 7:51.62.

In the varsity four race, the Irish "B" boat of Rackish, Keefer, Thornburgh, Henkel and David beat out the Irish "A" crew of Long, O'Hara, Mizzi, Jefson and St. Pierre by just under four seconds. The Irish "B" was victorious with a time of 8:14.65, while the Irish "A" finished in 8:18.03. Boston University was third in the race in 8:38.67.

In the novice races, Notre Dame took second in the novice eight race with the crew of Romano, Hafner, Klingaman, Close, Hatch, Potts, Larson, Cassel and Shaw finishing with a time of 7:18.27, less than three seconds from Boston University's winning time of 7:15.52. Northeastern finished more than eight seconds in back of the Irish boat in 7:26.79. Notre Dame's novice four boat of Froehlke, DeGuire, Miller, McCotter and Sharkey were victorious over Boston University and Northeastern in the meet's final race.



## BIG EAST Rowing Challenge April 25, 2004 - Worcester, Mass.

Determined not to finish second for the fourth straight year, the No. 17 Notre Dame women's rowing team put forth a total team effort in capturing the team title for the first time in school history at the fourth annual BIG EAST Rowing Challenge. The Irish outdistanced second-place Miami by 24 points to earn the crown. Led by its four individual title races in the varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four and second varsity four, Notre Dame finished with 116 points, followed by Miami (92), three-time defending champion Syracuse (82), Rutgers (74), Georgetown (73), Boston College (70), Connecticut (46), Villanova (40) and West Virginia (31).

The varsity eight crew of Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen won its race, defeating No. 18 Syracuse by more than five seconds. Notre Dame crossed the finish line in the Grand Final in 6:54.89, while the Orangewomen were second with a time of 7:00.43. Miami took third in the race with a time of 7:01.95, followed by Boston College (7:04.13), Rutgers (7:04.25) and Villanova (7:04.29).

Notre Dame also claimed top honors in the second varsity eight race, winning the Grand Final by more than four seconds over second-place Georgetown. The Irish second varsity eight crew of McCaffrey, Sedun, Welsh, Guzik, Redgate, Specht, Sanders, Stealy and Doud won the race in 7:09.17, while Georgetown finished in 7:13.37. Miami took third in the race with a time of 7:13.37, with Syracuse in fourth (7:13.51), followed by Rutgers (7:19.23) and Boston College (7:33.27).

Notre Dame won the varsity four Grand Final by more than nine seconds over Miami. The Irish crew of Long, O'Hara, Mizzi, Jefson and St. Pierre was victorious with a time of 7:36.66, while the Hurricane boat finished in 7:36.66. Syracuse took third in the race with a time of 7:54.07, followed by Rutgers (7:59.55), Connecticut (7:59.70) and Georgetown (8:13.64). The Irish were first and fourth in the Grand Final of the second varsity four race. Notre Dame's "A" crew of Rackish, Keefer, Thornburgh, Henkel and David won the race in 7:35.74, outdistancing second-place Syracuse by over 20 seconds as the Orangewomen crew finished in 7:56.41. Georgetown took third in the race with a time of 7:56.76, while Notre Dame's "B" crew of Lettieri, Quinn, Mulligan, Chidsey and Connolly was fourth in 8:00.29. Rounding out the six-boat field were Rutgers (8:07.93) and Boston College (8:09.69).

The novice eight crew of Romano, Hafner, Klingaman, Close, Hatch, Potts, Larson, Cassel and Shaw finished third in the Grand Final. The Irish were clocked in 7:26.81, behind first-place Georgetown (7:18.82) and Miami (7:24.12). Boston College finished fourth in 7:26.86, followed by Rutgers (7:27.88) and Connecticut (7:55.95). The novice four crew of Froehlke, DeGuire, Miller, McCotter and Sharkey claimed the trophy in a three-team race. Notre Dame crossed the finish line in 8:00.08, followed by Rutgers (8:10.93) and Georgetown (8:27.37).

### Central Regions

#### May 15-16, 2004 - Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Notre Dame finished tied for sixth in the final overall team standings, and was fifth among schools in the Central Region. Five of the top seven schools in the team competition were

from the Central Region. The No. 14 Irish finished tied with No. 13 Tennessee in the overall team standings with a point total of 295. Virginia, ranked seventh in the country, finished first with an overall score of 404, followed by No. 5 Ohio State (391), No. 10 Wisconsin (363), No. 3 Michigan (362) and No. 11 Michigan State (303). Heading into the final day of competition, the Irish had three boats - varsity four, open four and novice eight - racing in the Grand Finals, while the varsity eight and second varsity eight were competing in the Petite Finals.

The Irish varsity eight crew of Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen finished second in the Petite Final as Notre Dame was edged out by Michigan State by less than two seconds. The Irish crossed the finish line in 6:51.3, while the Spartan boat posted a time of 6:49.9. Ohio State won the Grand Final with a time of 6:34.8. The second varsity eight (McCaffrey, Guzik, St. Pierre, Specht, Welsh, Sedun, Hafner, Stealy and Sanders) also took second in its Petite Final race. Notre Dame finished less than three seconds behind Duke (6:58.2) as the Irish covered the course in 7:01.2. Virginia was the top finisher in the Grand Final with a time of 6:44.5.

In the Grand Final of the first varsity four, the crew of Long, O'Hara, Jefson, Mizzi and Doud finished fifth overall with a time of 7:44.5, edging out Michigan's boat which registered a time of 7:45.3. Virginia was victorious in the race with a time of 7:33.1, followed by Wisconsin (7:37.0), Ohio State (7:38.4) and Clemson (7:39.3). The open four crew of Rackish, Keefer, Henkel, Redgate and David was fourth overall in its Grand Final race as the Irish were clocked in 7:50.2. Michigan was the winner in 7:42.8, followed by Virginia (7:45.9) and Wisconsin (7:48.5). Ohio State took fifth in 7:53.2, while Clemson was sixth in 8:08.0. The first novice eight boat of Romano, Potts, Klingaman, Close, Hatch, Cassel, Larson, Shaw and Chidsey took sixth in the Grand Final as the Irish crew covered the course in 7:20.7. Kansas won the race in 7:05.2, followed by Ohio State (7:09.4), Clemson (7:09.7), Wisconsin (7:10.8) and Miami (7:16.0).

#### Day One Results:

Notre Dame's first varsity four, open four and novice eight boats qualified for on the first day the championship finals day of competition at the 2004 Lexus Central/South Region Sprints on Melton Hill Lake.

The first varsity eight and Second Varsity Eight boats both advanced to the Petite Final.

The first varsity four crew of Long, O'Hara, Jefson, Mizzi and Doud took third in both of its heats.

In its first race of the morning, the Irish varsity eight finished third with a time of 7:52.1, behind Ohio State (7:44.4) and Clemson (7:48.3). In the semifinals, Notre Dame again took with a time of 8:00.1. Ohio State won that semifinal heat in



Irish rowers display their hardware following the BIG EAST Championships. Notre Dame won four races en route to claiming its first-ever team title.



7:53.9, followed by Michigan in 7:58.1.

The open four crew of Rackish, Keefer, Henkel, Redgate and David registered the best time of the eight boats. The Irish raced in the first heat and posted a time of 7:46.9, two seconds better than Virginia's second-place boat which finished in 7:48.9, followed by Michigan (7:56.0) and Cincinnati (8:47.7). Wisconsin was the winner of the second heat as the Badger boat crossed the finish line in 7:48.0.

The first novice eight boat of Romano, Potts, Klingaman, Close, Hatch, Cassel, Larson, Shaw and Chidsey earned a spot in the Grand Final with two impressive third-place finishes in their heats. In its first race, Notre Dame rowed a 7:21.1 with Kansas' boat leading the way with a time of 7:09.6, followed by Clemson in 7:20.0. In the semifinal race, Irish again took third in 7:26.0, finishing behind Wisconsin (7:21.8) and Clemson (7:24.2).

In its first race of the day, Notre Dame's varsity eight finished second to No. 5 Ohio State. The Irish posted a time of 6:42.1, while the Buckeye boat won the heat in 6:42.1. Notre Dame had a strong showing in its semifinal heat as the Irish earned a fourth-place finish with a time of 6:49.5. Michigan, which is ranked third, won the heat in 6:46.3, followed by No. 10 Wisconsin (6:48.4) and No. 13 Tennessee (6:48.7).

The second varsity eight boat of McCaffrey, Guzik, St. Pierre, Specht, Welsh, Sedun, Hafner, Stealy and Sanders finished third and sixth in their respective heats. In crew's first race of the day, they took third in their heat while posting a time of 7:05.3. Virginia won that heat in 6:53.5 and was followed by Minnesota (6:59.6).

In their semifinal heat, the Irish finished sixth (out of six boats) with a time of 7:14.5. Virginia was victorious in that race as well with that boat posting a time of 6:55.3.

## **NCAA Rowing Championships May 28-30, 2004 - Sacramento, Calif.**

The Notre Dame women's varsity eight crew of Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen made history at the 2004 NCAA Championships. The Irish crew finished 11th overall following a fifth-place finish in the Petite Final. The Irish were among 16 varsity eight boats to earn a berth in this year's championships. Rowing in the NAAs for just the second time in school history (the other appearance was in 2002), Notre Dame's 11th-place finish is its best in school history. The crew advanced to the semifinals following a third-place finish in the preliminary heat, and then finished fifth in their heat on the second day of competition to earn a spot in the Petite Final.

In the Petite Final, the Irish recorded its best time of the meet as they finished the course in 6:43.00, edging out No. 12 USC, which finished in 6:43.16. Notre Dame stood third after the first 500 meters as the Irish posted a 1:36.23 split and



*Coxswain Maureen Gibbons helped the Irish varsity eight boat to unprecedented success in 2003-04 as the crew finished 11th at the NCAA Championships and finished 16th in the final US Rowing/CRCA ranking.*

were fourth after both the 1,000 and 1,500-meter marks. Tennessee, which stood sixth heading into the final 500 meters, overtook both Notre Dame and USC with a 1:36.95 split. The Irish were clocked in 1:40.74 in the last leg of the race. No. 6 Washington won the Petite Final in 6:37.44, followed by No. 4 Harvard (6:37.88), No. 5 Virginia (6:38.27) and No. 10 Tennessee (6:40.36).

No. 9 Brown won the Grand Final in 6:32.61. No. 7 Yale was second in 6:34.20, followed by No. 8 Michigan (6:37.06), No. 2 Princeton (6:37.99), No. 3 Ohio State and No. 1 California (6:41.90).

### **Day One Results:**

The Notre Dame women's varsity eight made history at the 2004 NCAA Championships in Sacramento, Calif. this morning. The Irish crew finished third in its morning heat to earn a spot in the semifinals for the first time in school history.

The No. 16th-ranked crew of Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen posted a time of 6:48.70 in Heat No. 1.

No. 3 Ohio State won the heat with a time of 6:45.60, followed by No. 6 Washington that finished the 1500 course in 6:46.20. Those two crews, along with Notre Dame qualified for tomorrow's two semifinal races.

No. 10 Tennessee finished fourth in 6:49.10, followed by No. 12 USC and No. 14 Michigan State.

Notre Dame stood fourth throughout the race and trailed Tennessee by less than a second with 500 meters remaining. The Irish, however, made up ground in the last 500-meter stretch as they covered the last 500 meters in 1:41.17, while Tennessee's pace slowed to 1:42.44 in the last quarter of the race.

No. 8 Michigan won Heat 2 in 6:45.60, while No. 1 California took second in 6:49.50, followed by No. 5 Virginia (6:54.80). No. 9 Brown had the winning time in Heat 3 with the morning's best

time of 6:44.10. No. 7 Yale was second as that crew covered the course in 6:46.70, while No. 2 Princeton finished with a time of 6:49.20.

### **Day Two Results:**

The Notre Dame women's varsity eight finished fifth in the first of two semifinal heats to advance to the Petite Final.

The No. 16th-ranked crew of Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen posted a time of 6:51.30, which was one-tenth of a second better than No. 12 USC (6:51.31).

In yesterday's preliminary heat, Notre Dame finished the course in 6:48.70.

The Irish crew was in sixth for most of the race, and similar to yesterday in the prelims, had a strong final 500 meters. Notre Dame was clocked in 1:42.51 in the

final stretch of the race, while USC was nearly three second slower than the Irish boat in the last 500 meters.

No. 7 Yale won Heat 1 with a time of 6:36.60, while No. 8 Michigan was second in 6:37.40 and No. 3 Ohio State was third in 6:39.40. Those three boats each earned a spot in the Grand Final. No. 5 Virginia, which finished in 6:40.10, also joined the Irish and USC in tomorrow's Petite Final.

No. 9 Brown posted the best time of the day in winning Heat 2 with its crew finishing in 6:33.40. No. 1 California was second in 6:36.40, while No. 2 Princeton had an identical time and placed third. By finishing in the top three, those boats advanced to the Grand Final.

### **Day Three Results:**

Notre Dame finished 11th overall following a fifth-place finish in the Petite Final.

In the race, the boat of Gibbons, Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich and Hazen recorded its best time of the meet as they finished the course in 6:43.00, edging out No. 12 USC which finished in 6:43.16.

Notre Dame stood third after the first 500 meters as the Irish posted a 1:36.23 split and were fourth after both the 1,000 and 1,500-meter marks. Tennessee, which stood six heading into the final 500 meters, overtook both Notre Dame and USC with a 1:36.95 split. The Irish were clocked in 1:40.74 in the last leg of the race.

No. 6 Washington won the Petite Final in 6:37.44, followed by No. 4 Harvard (6:37.88), No. 5 Virginia (6:38.27) and No. 10 Tennessee (6:40.36).

No. 9 Brown won the Grand Final in 6:32.61. No. 7 Yale was second in 6:34.20, followed by No. 8 Michigan (6:37.06), No. 2 Princeton (6:37.99), No. 3 Ohio State and No. 1 California (6:41.90).





Kathleen Welsh and the Notre Dame second varsity eight crew were victorious at the BIG EAST Championships with a convincing win in their race by more than four seconds.

**VS. TENNESSEE & MICHIGAN ST.**  
 March 13, 2004  
 (Knoxville, Tenn.)

**SESSION ONE**

**First Varsity Eight (3 boats)**

1. Tennessee - 4:36.53; 2. **NOTRE DAME** (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) - 4:38.01; 3. Michigan State - 4:39.98

**First Varsity Four (3 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 5:09.56; 2. **NOTRE DAME** (Long (c), Jefson, Thornburgh, Close, Mizzi) - 5:12.69; 3. Tennessee - 5:16.90

**Second Varsity Eight (3 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 4:37.60; 2. Tennessee - 4:44.35; 3. **NOTRE DAME** (McCaffrey (c), Guzik, Welsh, Sedun, Redgate, Larson, Doud, St. Pierre, Sanders) - 4:45.90

**Second Varsity Four**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Rackish (c), O'Hara, Stealy, Henkel, David) - 5:17.62; 2. Tennessee - 5:26.64; 3. Michigan State - 5:33.19

**First Novice Eight (3 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Froehlke (c), Hafner, Klingaman, Potts, Hatch, Cassel, Shaw, Chidsey, McCotter) - 5:01.40; 2. Michigan State - 5:04.70; 3. Tennessee - 5:16.90

**SESSION TWO**

**First Varsity Eight (3 boats)**

1. Tennessee - 4:30.60; 2. Michigan State - 4:31.64; 3. **NOTRE DAME** (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) - 4:32.72

**First Varsity Four (3 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 5:19.62; 2. **NOTRE DAME** (Long (c), Jefson, Thornburgh, Close, Mizzi) - 5:26.43; 3. Tennessee - 5:31.68

**Second Varsity Eight (3 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 4:45.60; 2. Tennessee - 4:55.11; 3. **NOTRE DAME** (McCaffrey (c), Guzik, Welsh, Sedun, Redgate, Larson, Doud, St. Pierre, Sanders) - 4:56.78

**Second Varsity Four (3 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Rackish (c), O'Hara, Stealy, Henkel, David) - 5:21.38; 2. Michigan State - 5:29.29; 3. Tennessee - 5:30.41

**First Novice Eight (3 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Froehlke (c), Hafner, Klingaman, Potts, Hatch, Cassel, Shaw, Chidsey, McCotter) - 5:02.00; 2. Michigan State - 5:03.17; 3. Tennessee - 5:13.63

**HEAD OF THE ROCK**

October 12, 2003  
 (Rockford, Ill.)

**Pairs (22 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Ladine, Bartek) - 19:35.3; 5. **NOTRE DAME** (Protasewich, Welsh) - 20:08.0; 12. **NOTRE DAME** (Boyle, Redgate) - 20:39.2; 13. **NOTRE DAME** (Doud, Stealy) - 20:44.6; 15. **NOTRE DAME** (Sanders, Palendech) - 20:56.8; 17. **NOTRE DAME** (Hazen, Felker) - 21:12.4

**Novice Four (20 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Weedon (c), St. Pierre, Guzik, Close, Larson) - 19:14.0; 2. Wisconsin - 19:21.4

**Varsity Four (28 boats)**

1. Wisconsin - 18:07.4; 2. Minnesota - 18:13.6; 3. Minnesota - 18:31.6; 4. **NOTRE DAME** (Long (c), Polinski, Sedun, Thornburgh, O'Hara) - 18:46.7; 5. **NOTRE DAME** (Gibbons (c), Jefson, Keefer, Sheehan, French) - 18:54.7

**Novice Eight (31 boats)**

1. Minnesota - 18:22.4; 2. **NOTRE DAME** (Froehlke (c), Hafner, Cassel, Murphy, Hatch, Palm, Shaw, Potts, McCotter) - 18:53.1

**Varsity Eight (34 boats)**

1. Wisconsin - 16:16.9; 2. Minnesota - 16:21.8; 3. Iowa - 16:35.3; 4. **NOTRE DAME A** (Long (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, St. Pierre, Protasewich, Hazen, Felker, Welsh) - 16:46.4; 5. Minnesota - 16:58.9; 6. Wisconsin - 17:02.7; 7. **NOTRE DAME B** (McCaffrey (c), Polinski, Redgate, Thornburgh, O'Hara, Stealy, Doud, Palendech, Sanders) - 17:03.2; 12. **NOTRE DAME C** (Gibbons (c), Sedun, Guzik, Close, Henkel, Jefson, French, Sheehan, Keefer) - 17:28.3; 16. **NOTRE DAME D** (Lettieri (c), Mizzi, Ertel, Larson, Mulligan, Lewis, Hafner, Schmidt, David) - 17:46.5

**HEAD OF THE CHARLES**

October 18-19, 2003  
 (Boston, Mass.)

**Club Eight (Second Varsity Eight - 47 boats)**

1. Riverside Club; 2. Tennessee; 3. **NOTRE DAME** (McCaffrey (c), Polinski, Specht, Thornburgh, Hazen, Stealy, Doud, Palendech, Sanders)

**Championship Eight (First Varsity Eight - 40 boats)**

1. London Training Center - 15:31.082; 2. United States National Team - 15:49.558; 3. Princeton Training Center - 15:56.977; 4. Yale - 16:08.259; 29. **NOTRE DAME** (Long (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Redgate, Felker, St. Pierre, Protasewich, Welsh) - 17:16.833

**HEAD OF THE EAGLE**

October 18, 2003  
 (Indianapolis, Ind.)

**First Varsity Eight (8 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME B** (Weedon (c), Mizzi, Ertel, Mulligan, Schmidt, Hafner, Froehlke, Potts) - 14:29.00; 2. Indiana - 14:32.00; 3. **NOTRE DAME A** (Lettieri (c), Sedun, Guzik, Close, Henkel, Jefson, Larson, Sheehan, Keefer) - 14:36.00; 4. Louisville A - 14:44.00; 5. Indiana B - 15:03.00; 6. Indiana C - 15:17.00; 7. Indianapolis Rowing Center - 16:57.00; 8. Xavier - 17:19.00

**Novice Eight (11 boats)**

1. Purdue - 15:13.00; 2. Louisville - 15:30.00; 3. **NOTRE DAME A** (Romano (c), Palm, Cassel, C. Murphy, Hatch, Vitter, Shaw, Klingaman, McCotter) - 15:54.00; 4. Purdue B - 16:20.00; 5. **NOTRE DAME B** (Froehlke (c), Cooper, Sharkey, Glass, Miller, Chidsey, Caston, DeGuire, McKillen) - 16:22.00; 6. Purdue B - 16:36.00; 7. Louisville B - 17:00.00; 8. Indiana A - 17:24.00; 9. Purdue C - 18:38.00; 10. Indianapolis Rowing Center - 20:43.00; 11. Indiana B - 21:34.00



**SESSION THREE****First Varsity Eight (3 boats)**

1. Tennessee - 4:19.59; 2. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) - 4:20.67; 3. Michigan State - 4:22.65

**First Varsity Four (3 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 5:19.79; 2. NOTRE DAME (Long (c), Jefson, Thornburgh, Close, Mizzi) - 5:25.89; 3. Tennessee - 5:28.45

**Second Varsity Eight (3 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 4:36.49; 2. Tennessee - 4:47.81; 3. NOTRE DAME (McCaffrey (c), Guzik, Welsh, Sedun, Redgate, Larson, Doud, St. Pierre, Sanders) - 4:54.92

**Second Varsity Four (3 boats)**

1. NOTRE DAME (Rackish (c), O'Hara, Stealy, Henkel, David) - 5:34.01; 2. Michigan State - 5:43.73; 3. Tennessee - 5:45.96

**First Novice Eight (3 boats)**

1. NOTRE DAME (Froehlke (c), Hafner, Klingaman, Potts, Hatch, Cassel, Shaw, Chidsey, McCotter) - 5:08.00; 2. Michigan State - 5:12.00; 3. Tennessee - 5:32.00

**vs. DUKE**

March 14, 2004  
(Oak Ridge, Tenn.)

**First Varsity Eight (2 boats)**

1. Duke - 6:45.11; 2. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) - 6:49.25

**Second Varsity Eight (2 boats)**

1. Duke - 6:51.65; 2. NOTRE DAME (McCaffrey (c), Guzik, Welsh, Sedun, Redgate, Larson, Doud, St. Pierre, Sanders) - 7:11.10

**First Varsity Four (4 boats)**

1. NOTRE DAME 'B' (Rackish (c), O'Hara, Stealy, Henkel, David) - 7:46.12; 2. NOTRE DAME 'A' (Long (c), Jefson, Thornburgh, Close, Mizzi) - 7:55.14; 3. Duke - 8:04.87; 4. NOTRE DAME 'C' (Lettieri (c), Keefer, Lewis, Mulligan, Miller) - 8:23.88

**Novice Eight (2 boats)**

1. NOTRE DAME (Froehlke (c), Hafner, Klingaman, Potts, Hatch, Cassel, Shaw, Chidsey, McCotter) - 7:14.19; 2. Duke - 8:12.06

**Novice Four (2 boats)**

1. NOTRE DAME (Osetinski (c), DeGuire, Cooper, Glass, Sharkey) - 8:32.22; 2. Duke - 8:40.75

**vs. MICHIGAN, CLEMSON,  
EASTERN MICHIGAN & MICHIGAN ST.**

March 27, 2004  
(Ann Arbor, Mich.)

**First Varsity Four (5 boats)**

1. NOTRE DAME (Long (c), O'Hara, Stealy, Jefson, Mizzi) - 7:14.80; 2. Michigan State - 7:17.20; 3. Michigan - 7:19.9; 4. Clemson - 7:36.10; 5. Eastern Michigan - 8:02.00

**First Varsity Eight (4 boats)**

1. Michigan - 6:19.20; 2. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) - 6:25.00; 3. Clemson - 6:34.30; 4. Eastern Michigan - 6:40.20

**Second Varsity Eight (3 boats)**

1. Michigan - 6:35.00; 2. Clemson - 6:48.00; 3. NOTRE DAME (McCaffrey (c), Guzik, Welsh, Sedun, Redgate, Specht, Doud, St. Pierre, Sanders) - 6:49.7

**Second Varsity Four (3 boats)**

1. Michigan - 7:17.30; 2. Michigan State - 7:23.70; 3. NOTRE DAME (Rackish (c), Henkel, Thornburgh, Close, Larson) - 7:36.90

**Third Varsity Four (4 boats)**

1. Michigan - 7:30.00; 2. NOTRE DAME A (Lettieri (c), Keefer, Mulligan, Quinn, David) - 7:39.80; 3. Michigan State - 7:44.5; 4. NOTRE DAME B (Romano (c), DeGuire, Cooper, Glass, Sharkey) - 7:52.1

**Novice Eight (5 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 6:47.00; 2. Clemson - 6:51.20; 3. NOTRE DAME (Froehlke (c), Hafner, Klingaman, Cassel, Hatch, Potts, Shaw, Chidsey, McCotter) - 7:01.30; 4. Michigan - 7:10.30; 5. Eastern Michigan - 7:35.80

**SAN DIEGO CREW CLASSIC**

April 3-4, 2004  
(San Diego, Calif.)

**Jessop-Whittier Cup Heat A****(First Varsity Eight - 7 boats)**

1. Tennessee - 6:38.50; 2. Washington State - 6:39.19; 3t. USC - 6:39.69; 3t. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) - 6:39.69; 5. Stanford - 6:43.78; 6. Villanova - 6:49.15; 7. Purdue - 7:01.41

**Women's JV Heat C****(Second Varsity Eight - 6 boats)**

1. Cal - 6:51.19; 2. USC - 6:57.89; 3. NOTRE DAME (McCaffrey (c), Sedun, Welsh, Specht, Redgate, Guzik, Doud, St. Pierre, Sanders) - 7:08.99; 4. Clemson - 7:15.21; 5. St. Joseph's - 7:22.61; 6. UC - Irvine - 7:42.35

**Women's JV Petite****(Second Varsity Eight - 6 boats)**

1. Texas - 7:07.67; 2. NOTRE DAME (McCaffrey (c), Sedun, Welsh, Specht, Redgate, Guzik, Doud, St. Pierre, Sanders) - 7:12.36; 3. UCLA - 7:15.56; 4. Stanford - 7:18.81; 5. Clemson - 7:22.20; 6. Kansas State - 7:23.34

**Jessop-Whittier Cup Grand Final****(First Varsity Eight - 7 boats)**

1. Cal - 6:57.10; 2. Washington - 7:00.63; 3. Tennessee - 7:02.68; 4. Washington State - 7:04.10; 5. Wisconsin - 7:06.02; 6. USC - 7:09.95; 7. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) - 7:16.90

**INDIANA CREW CLASSIC**

April 10, 2004  
(Indianapolis, Ind.)

**First Varsity Eight (4 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 6:28.49; 2. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) - 6:34.55; 3. Indiana - 6:46.40; 4. Purdue - 6:52.61

**Second Varsity Eight (5 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 6:40.7; 2. NOTRE DAME (McCaffrey (c), Sedun, Welsh, Specht, Redgate, Guzik, Doud, St. Pierre, Sanders) - 6:47.38; 3. Purdue A - 6:53.61; 4. Purdue B - 7:03.91; 5. Indiana - 7:47.96

**First Varsity Four (3 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 7:14.62; 2. NOTRE DAME (Long (c), O'Hara, Stealy, Jefson, Mizzi) - 7:19.17; 3. Indiana - 7:47.96

**Second Varsity Four (3 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 7:50.2; 2. NOTRE DAME B (Lettieri (c), Keefer, David, Quinn, Mulligan) - 7:59.33; 3. NOTRE DAME A (Rackish (c), Thornburgh, Close, Larson, Henkel) - 8:00.91

**Novice Eight (4 boats)**

1. Michigan State - 7:05.16; 2. Purdue - 7:14.09; 3. Indiana - 7:16.76; 4. NOTRE DAME (Froehlke (c), Hafner, Hatch, Potts, Klingaman, Cassel, Shaw, Chidsey, McCotter) - 7:18.24

**Novice Four (2 boats)**

1. NOTRE DAME (Romano (c), DeGuire, Cooper, Glass, Sharkey) - 8:04.70; 2. Indiana - 8:06.05

**vs. BOSTON UNIVERSITY AND  
NORTHEASTERN**

April 24, 2003  
(Boston, Mass.)

**First Varsity Eight (3 boats)**

1. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) - 6:55.45; 2. Boston University - 6:57.32; 3. Northeastern - 7:11.95



**Second Varsity Eight (3 boats)**

1. Boston University – 7:21.04; 2. **NOTRE DAME** (McCaffrey (c), Sedun, Welsh, Guzik, Redgate, Specht, Sanders, Stealy, Doud) – 7:22.6; 3. Northeastern – 7:51.62

**First Varsity Four (3 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME B** (Rackish (c), Keefer, Thornburgh, Henkel, David) – 8:14.65; 2. **NOTRE DAME A** (Long (c), O'Hara, Mizzi, Jefson, St. Pierre) – 8:18.03; 3. Boston University – 8:38.67

**Novice Eight (3 boats)**

1. Boston University – 7:15.52; 2. **NOTRE DAME** (Romano (c), Hafner, Klingaman, Close, Hatch, Potts, Larson, Cassel, Shaw) – 7:18.27; 3. Northeastern – 7:26.79

**Novice Four (3 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Froehlke (c), DeGuire, Miller, McCotter, Sharkey); 2. Boston University; 3. Northeastern

**BIG EAST ROWING CHALLENGE**

April 25, 2004  
(Worcester, Mass.)

**Varsity Eight Grand Final (6 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) – 6:54.89; 2. Syracuse – 7:00.43; 3. Miami – 7:01.95; 4. Boston College – 7:04.13; 5. Rutgers – 7:04.25; 6. Villanova – 7:04.29

**Second Varsity Eight Grand Final (6 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (McCaffrey (c), Sedun, Welsh, Guzik, Redgate, Specht, Sanders, Stealy, Doud) – 7:09.17; 2t. Georgetown – 7:13.37; 2t. Miami – 7:13.37; 4. Syracuse – 7:13.51; 5. Rutgers – 7:19.23; 6. Boston College – 7:33.27

**Varsity Four Grand Final (6 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Long (c), O'Hara, Mizzi, Jefson, St. Pierre) – 7:36.66; 2. Miami – 7:47.76; 3. Syracuse – 7:54.07; 4. Rutgers – 7:59.55; 5. Connecticut – 7:59.70; 6. Georgetown – 8:13.64

**Second Varsity Four Grand Final (6 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME A** (Rackish (c), Keefer, Thornburgh, Henkel, David) – 7:35.74; 2. Syracuse – 7:56.41; 3. Georgetown – 7:56.76; 4. **NOTRE DAME B** (Lettieri (c), Quinn, Mulligan, Chidsey, Connolly) – 8:00.29; 5. Rutgers – 8:07.93; 6. Boston College – 8:09.69

**Novice Eight Grand Final (6 boats)**

1. Georgetown – 7:18.82; 2. Miami – 7:24.12; 3. **NOTRE DAME** (Romano (c), Hafner, Klingaman, Close, Hatch, Potts, Larson, Cassel, Shaw) – 7:26.81; 4. Boston College – 7:26.86; 5. Rutgers – 7:27.88; 6. Connecticut – 7:55.95

**Second Novice Eight Grand Final (3 boats)**

1. Georgetown – 7:20.59; 2. Boston College – 7:26.90; 3. Connecticut – 7:42.08

**Novice Four Grand Final (3 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Froehlke (c), DeGuire, Miller, McCotter, Sharkey) – 8:00.08; 2. Rutgers – 8:10.93; 3. Georgetown – 8:27.37

**CENTRAL SPRINTS**

May 15-16, 2004

(Oakridge, Tenn.)

**PRELIMINARY HEATS**
**Varsity Eight (Heat 2 – 6 boats)**

1. Ohio State – 6:42.1; 2. **NOTRE DAME** (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) – 6:45.5; 3. Minnesota – 6:48.4; 4. Indiana – 6:54.6; 5. Kansas State – 7:01.8; 6. Murray State – 7:34.4

**Second Varsity Eight (Heat 1 – 7 boats)**

1. Virginia – 6:53.5; 2. Minnesota – 6:59.6; 3. **NOTRE DAME** (McCaffrey (c), Guzik, St. Pierre, Specht, Welsh, Sedun, Hafner, Stealy, Sanders) – 7:05.3; 4. Iowa – 7:10.1; 5. Miami (Fla.) – 7:16.0; 6. Louisville – 7:20.5; 7. Eastern Michigan – 7:25.5

**Varsity Four (Heat 2 – 6 boats)**

1. Ohio State – 7:44.4; 2. Clemson – 7:48.3; 3. **NOTRE DAME** (Long (c), O'Hara, Jefson, Mizzi, Doud) – 7:52.1; 4. Central Florida – 8:03.5; 5. Iowa – 8:12.1; 6. Indiana – 8:23.9

**Open Four (Heat 1 – 4 boats)**

1. **NOTRE DAME** (Rackish (c), Keefer, Henkel, Redgate, Doud) – 7:46.9; 2. Virginia – 7:48.9; 3. Michigan – 7:56.0; 4. Cincinnati – 8:47.7

**Novice Eight (Heat 3 – 5 boats)**

1. Kansas – 7:09.6; 2. Clemson – 7:20.0; 3. **NOTRE DAME** (Romano (c), Potts, Klingaman, Close, Hatch, Cassel, Larson, Shaw, Chidsey) – 7:21.1; 4. Tennessee – 7:22.6; 5. Michigan – 7:33.4

**SEMIFINALS**
**Varsity Eight (A/B Semifinal 1 – 6 boats)**

1. Michigan – 6:46.3; 2. Wisconsin – 6:48.4; 3. Tennessee – 6:48.7; 4. **NOTRE DAME** (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) – 6:49.5; 5. Iowa – 6:57.7; 6. Duke – 7:00.8

**Second Varsity Eight**
**(A/B Semifinal 1 – 6 boats)**

1. Virginia – 6:55.3; 2. Michigan – 6:59.0; 3. Michigan State – 7:04.3; 4. Tennessee – 7:11.1; 5. Duke – 7:11.5; 6. **NOTRE DAME** (McCaffrey (c), Guzik, St. Pierre, Specht, Welsh, Sedun, Hafner, Stealy, Sanders) – 7:14.5

**Varsity Four (A/B Semifinal 2 – 6 boats)**

1. Ohio State – 7:53.9; 2. Michigan – 7:58.7; 3. **NOTRE DAME** (Long (c), O'Hara, Jefson, Mizzi, Doud) – 8:00.1; 4. Michigan State – 8:04.3; 5. Tennessee – 8:32.1; 6. Duke - Scratch

**Novice Eight (Semifinal B – 6 boats)**

1. Wisconsin – 7:21.8; 2. Clemson – 7:24.2; 3. **NOTRE DAME** (Romano (c), Potts, Klingaman, Close, Hatch, Cassel, Larson, Shaw, Chidsey) – 7:26.0; 4. Virginia – 7:26.3; 5. Kansas State – 7:36.7; 6. Indiana – 7:44.6

**GRAND FINALS**
**Varsity Eight (B Final – 6 boats)**

1. Michigan State – 6:49.9; 2. **NOTRE DAME** (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) – 6:51.3; 3. Minnesota – 6:54.0; 4. Iowa – 6:54.4; 5. Duke – 6:56.6; 6. Kansas – 7:05.4

**Second Varsity Eight (B Final – 6 boats)**

1. Duke – 6:58.5; 2. **NOTRE DAME** (McCaffrey (c), Guzik, St. Pierre, Specht, Welsh, Sedun, Hafner, Stealy, Sanders) – 7:01.2; 3. Cincinnati – 7:02.3; 4. Tennessee – 7:05.3; 5. Texas – 7:06.2; 6. Iowa – 7:09.1

**Varsity Four (A Final – 6 boats)**

1. Virginia – 7:33.1; 2. Wisconsin – 7:37.0; 3. Ohio State – 7:38.4; 4. Clemson – 7:39.3; 5. **NOTRE DAME** (Long (c), O'Hara, Jefson, Mizzi, Doud) – 7:44.5; 6. Michigan – 7:45.3

**Open Eight (A Final – 6 boats)**

1. Michigan – 7:42.8; 2. Virginia – 7:45.9; 3. Wisconsin – 7:48.5; 4. **NOTRE DAME** (Rackish (c), Keefer, Henkel, Redgate, Doud) – 7:50.2; 5. Ohio State – 7:53.2; 6. Clemson – 8:08.0

**Novice Eight (A Final – 6 boats)**

1. Kansas – 7:05.3; 2. Ohio State – 7:09.4; 3. Clemson – 7:09.7; 4. Wisconsin – 7:10.8; 5. Miami – 7:16.0; 6. **NOTRE DAME** (Romano (c), Potts, Klingaman, Close, Hatch, Cassel, Larson, Shaw, Chidsey) – 7:20.7



## 2003-04 Awards and Honors

**Alica Bartek**

CRCA Second Team All-Central Region  
NCAA Participant — Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team

**Meghan Boyle**

NCAA Participant—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Eight

**Shannon Cassel**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Eight

**Katie Chenoweth**

NCAA Participant—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Eight  
CRCA Scholar-Athlete Award  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team

**Alyssa Close**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Eight

**Tricia David**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Four

**Audrey DeGuire**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Four

**Andrea Doud**

BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Melissa Felke**

NCAA participant—Novice Eight  
BIG EAST Champion—Novice Eight

**Elizabeth Franzosa**

BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Eileen Froehkle**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Four

**Maureen Gibbons**

BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Jessica Guzik**

NCAA Participant—Varsity Eight (alternate)  
BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Sarah Kate Hafner**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Eight

**Jacqueline Hazen**

NCAA participant—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Eight  
CRCA Scholar-Athlete Award  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Kristin Henkel**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Four  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Pamela Jefson**

BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Four  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Sarah Keefer**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Ariel Klingaman**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Eight

**Natalie Ladine**

CRCA First Team All-American  
CRCA First Team All-Central Region  
CRCA Scholar-Athlete Award  
NCAA Participant—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Eight  
NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Award  
Nominee  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Colleen Larson**

BIG East Champion—Novice Eight

**Kathryn Long**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Kacy McCaffrey**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Colleen McCotter**

BIG EAST Champion- Novice Four

**Jana Miller**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Four

**Kristen Mizzi**

BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Four  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Katie O'Hara**

BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Four  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Danielle Potts**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Eight

**Rachel Polinski**

NCAA Participant—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Danielle Protasewich**

NCAA participant—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Caitlin Rackish**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Four  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Jenna Redgate**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Maria Romano**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Eight

**Megan Sanders**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Kati Sedun**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Kaitlin Sharkey**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Four

**Sarah Shaw**

BIG EAST Champion—Novice Eight

**Elizabeth Specht**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Ashley St. Pierre**

BIG EAST Champion—Varsity Four  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Danielle Stealy**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Eight

**Martin Stone**

BIG EAST Coach of the Year

**Meredith Thornburgh**

BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Four  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

**Kathleen Welsh**

NCAA Participant—Varsity Eight (alternate)  
BIG EAST Champion—Second Varsity Eight  
BIG EAST Academic All-Star

## NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 28 – May 30, 2004

(Sacramento, Calif.)

## MAY 28, 2004: PRELIMINARY HEATS

## Division I:

**I Eight Elimination Heat 1 (6 boats)**

1. Ohio State University – 6:45.60
2. University of Washington – 6:46.20
3. UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) – 6:48.70
4. University of Tennessee – 6:49.10
5. University of Southern California – 6:49.90
6. Michigan State University – 6:55.50

## Division I:

**I Eight Elimination Heat 2 (5 boats)**

1. University of Michigan – 6:45.80
2. University of California at Berkeley – 6:49.50
3. University of Virginia – 6:54.80
4. University of Wisconsin – 6:59.70
5. University of Texas – 7:04.80

## Division I:

**I Eight Elimination Heat 3 (5 boats)**

1. Brown University – 6:44.10
2. Yale University – 6:46.70
3. Princeton University – 6:49.20
4. Harvard University – 6:57.30
5. Washington State University – 7:19.70

## MAY 29, 2004: SEMI-FINALS

Division I: **I Eight Semi-final Heat 1 (6 boats)**

1. Yale University – 6:46.70
2. University of Michigan – 6:37.80
3. Ohio State University – 6:39.40
4. University of Virginia – 6:40.10
5. UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) – 6:51.30
6. University of Southern California – 6:51.31

Division I: **I Eight Semi-final Heat 2 (6 boats)**

1. Brown University – 6:33.00
2. University of California at Berkeley – 6:36.40
3. Princeton University – 6:36.40
4. University of Washington – 6:37.10
5. Harvard University – 6:41.80
6. University of Tennessee – 6:48.50

## MAY 30, 2004: FINALS

Division I: **I Eight Petite Final (6 boats)**

1. University of Washington – 6:37.44
2. Harvard University – 6:37.89
3. University of Virginia – 6:38.27
4. University of Tennessee – 6:40.36
5. UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Ladine, Bartek, Boyle, Polinski, Felker, Chenoweth, Protasewich, Hazen) – 6:43.00
6. University of Southern California – 6:43.16

Division I: **I Eight Final (6 boats)**

1. Brown University – 6:32.61
2. Yale University – 6:34.20
3. University of Michigan – 6:37.06
4. Princeton University – 6:37.99
5. Ohio State University – 6:38.59
6. University of California at Berkeley – 6:41.90

