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**Crew: PLU varsity teams compete in New York state; women's novice team rows at NW Collegiate Regatta**

The Pacific Lutheran University men's and women's varsity crew teams rowed against three other schools on Saturday and Sunday in Ithaca, N.Y. The women's novice team, meanwhile, competed in the NCRC Invitational Regatta, held Saturday in Vancouver, Wash.

**At Ithaca N.Y.:**

-- on Saturday, the PLU varsity men's 8 finished third behind Ithaca College's (N.Y.) second varsity and Hamilton College (N.Y.). PLU’s time was 7:03.3 to 6:33.2 for Ithaca and 6:47.2 for Hamilton. PLU also finished second to Hobart College (N.Y.); the Lutes finished the race in 7:04 to 6:16 for Hobart. The PLU varsity women's 8 came in third behind Ithaca (7:07) and William Smith College (N.Y.) (7:11) with a time of 7:32.

-- on Sunday, the men's varsity 8 finished second in a race against Rochester Institute of Technology (N.Y.). RIT crossed the finish line in 7:04.1 to 7:28.8 for the Lutes. PLU’s lightweight 8 boat came in third (7:41.4) behind Ithaca (7:08.5) and RIT (7:14.9). The PLU women's varsity 8 team defeated Skidmore College (N.Y.) and an Ithaca team. PLU’s time was 7:58.1 to 8:07.7 for Skidmore and 8:18.9 for Ithaca. The Lutes also had a varsity 8 race against RIT; PLU’s time was 7:56.3 to 7:47.4 for RIT.

The men's varsity 8 lineup included Andy Sprain (Loveland, Colo.), Geoffrey Greseth (Port Orchard, Wash.), James Blankenship (Graham, Wash.), Colin McNamara (Medford, Ore.), Brandon Snow (Olympia, Wash.), Justin Jones (Mead, Wash.), David Bentsen (Kennewick, Wash.), Ryan White (Hulet, Wyo.) and coxswain Jenae Yandell (Woodinville, Wash.).

The women's varsity 8 lineup was comprised of Katie Schlepp (Bozeman, Mont.), Emily Fenske (Bellingham, Wash.), Lauren Rutledge (Lynden, Wash.), Laura Ruud (Port Angeles, Wash.), Sarah Salisbury (Missoula, Mont.), Laura Thompason (Fargo, N.D.), Nicole Swanson (Idaho Falls, Idaho), Blaise Bellows (Whitefish, Mont.) and coxswain Heather Short (Bellingham, Wash.).

**In the NCRC Regatta, the PLU women's novice 8 finished third in its preliminary heat with a time of 7:42.1. Evergreen State won the race in 7:30.6 and Western Washington was second in 7:41.3. The Lutes also finished third in the final with a 7:36.0 time. Orange Coast won the race with a 7:19.3 followed by Evergreen State with a 7:22.8. The PLU women's JV 8 rowed in the varsity race and finished fourth with a time of 7:46.4.**

The women's novice 8 squad was comprised of Andrea Schroeder (Westwood, Mass.), Bethany Atkins (Missoula, Mont.), Megan Getman (Vancouver, Wash.), Robin Phinizy (Port Ludlow, Wash.), Jamie Stewart (University Place, Wash.), Nicole Hoffman (Buckley, Wash.), Jennifer Furumasi (Gladstone, Ore.), Naomi Alldredge (Snohomish, Wash.) and coxswain Kathryn Snyder (Port Angeles, Wash.).
The women's junior varsity 8 team included Kelly Trout (Sammamish, Wash.), Beth Coleman (San Jose, Calif.), Amy Hildebrandt (Medford, Ore.), Emily Larsen (San Jose Calif.), Callie Stachecki (Noviceland, Wash.), Sharon Maloney (Ketchikan, Alaska), Jana Bosley (University Place, Wash.), Erin Wolf (Spokane, Wash.) and coxswain Laura Hubbe (Richland, Wash.).

PLU's next action is the Meyer/Lamberth Cup on April 17th on American Lake, starting at 8 a.m.