

Head of the Oklahoma - September 29, 2012

Men's Open Ltwt 2x (Night Sprint Qualifier)

1. US Rowing Training Center –Oklahoma-15:04.857
2. US Rowing Training Center- Oklahoma- 15:20.302
3. Minneapolis Rowing Club - 16:23.445
- 5. Wichita State University-17:21.564** (Michael Sullivan, Patrick Harms)

Women's Collegiate 8+ (Night Sprint Qualifier)

1. Clemson University-14:42.534 Women
2. Stanford University-14:48.364 Womens Crew
3. University of Oklahoma-14:59.570
- 18. Wichita State University Rowing-17:03.916**

Women's Open 8+ (Night Sprint Qualifier)

1. Austin Rowing Club-16:48.924
2. Colorado State University-18:56.494
- 3. Wichita State University Rowing-19:34.605** (Tiffany Hoffman)

Men's Collegiate 4+ (Night Sprint Qualifier)

- 1 Texas Crew-15:44.648 (Ian Yeats)
2. Oklahoma City University-15:54.065 (John Willems)
3. Oklahoma City University-16:03.423 (Michael Pitts)
- 4. Wichita State University Rowing-16:06.039** (Paul Brink)

Women's Collegiate Novice/Frosh 4+ Official

1. The University of Tulsa Womens Rowing-17:24.279
2. Kansas State University Womens Rowing-17:35.790
3. The University of Tulsa Womens Rowing-17:43.774
- 8. Wichita State University Rowing-21:12.927** (Rebecca Baltzell)

Men's Collegiate Novice/Frosh 8+ Official

- 1. Wichita State University Rowing-15:40.845** (Brandon Sparling)
- 2. Wichita State University Rowing-16:08.804** (Austin Ritter)
3. Texas A&M University at Galveston-17:10.776
- 7. Wichita State University Rowing - DNF**

Men's Open Ltwt 1x (Night Sprints)

- 1.Oklahoma City University-16:19.333
- 2.USRowing Training Center – Oklahoma-16:49.716
- 3.Minneapolis Rowing Club-16:56.444
- 8.Wichita State University Rowing-21:03.070** (Ryan James Hollingshead)

Men's Open 8+ (Night Sprints)

- 1.Texas Crew-14:55.119
- 2.Wichita State University Rowing –16:19.523** (Octavio Matamoros)
- 3.OKC Riversport-16:43.108
- 4.Wichita State University Rowing-17:42.205** (Josh Keiter)
- 5.Wichita State University Rowing-18:49.056** (Ahmad Yassine)

Men's Collegiate 8+ (Night Sprints)

- 1.Harvard University Boat Club-12:58.879
- 2.Oklahoma City University-13:25.811
- 3.Oklahoma City University-14:03.888
- 6.Wichita State University Rowing-15:01.081** (Paul Brink)
- 10.Wichita State University Rowing-15:34.742** (Michael Sullivan)

Women's Collegiate 4+ (Night Sprints)

- 1.Stanford University Womens Crew –16:12.996 (Alison Fauci)
- 2.Clemson University Women-16:13.496 (Stephanie Cameron)
- 3.University of Oklahoma-16:27.873 (Ivy Brown)
- 25.Wichita State University Rowing-18:20.817** (Emily Russell)
- 31.Wichita State University Rowing-20:41.674** (Emily Ozbun)

Women's Collegiate Novice/Frosh 8+ Official

- 1.Kansas State University Womens Rowing-15:50.111
- 2.The University of Tulsa Womens Rowing-16:30.741
- 3.The University of Tulsa Womens Rowing-17:03.518
- 6.Wichita State University Rowing-18:40.146** (Becky Martin)

Men's Collegiate 4+ 500m Grand Final Official

- 1 Wichita State University Rowing AA 4 01:34.800** (Paul Brink)
- 2 Oklahoma City University AA 5 01:36.800
- 3 Oklahoma City University AA 6 01:38.200
- 4 Texas A&M Crew AA 2 01:40.100

Men's Open / Collegiate 8+ 500m Petite Final Official

1 Wichita State University Rowing 01:16.200

2 Wichita State Rowing 01:21.700

3 Wichita State University Rowing 01:23.900

4 Wichita State University Rowing 01:35.500

5 Wichita State University Rowing 01:37.700

6 Texas A&M Crew 01:51.700

PRESS RELEASE

Wichita State University Rowing departed from the Head of the Oklahoma Regatta on September 29, 2012 with five crews bringing home medals after a long day of racing. The race spans 4,000 meters of the Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City, OK and includes racing through eight bridges, challenging both rowers and coxswains. This was the first racing experience for the novice, or first year, rowers since the team began practicing in mid-August. To add to the experience, it began raining around noon in Oklahoma City and did not let up all day, continuing even after the team departed at almost 12:00am. Fortunately, it was a light rain that some of the rowers were said to have enjoyed racing in it since it helped cool them down during the race.

The men's novice eight was one of the first boats to compete. WSU entered three crews in the race, hoping to secure gold, silver, & bronze. One of the novice men's crews was in fact able to secure gold, making it WSU's fifth year winning in such style. Another WSU crew won the silver, while the third crew unfortunately hit a log during their race, which took off their rudder and forced them to dock without completing the race, making it impossible to finish with a gold, silver, bronze ending for WSU in that event.

The novice men were able to race later that day in three boats of the men's open eight event. Of the three, one won the silver with alumnus Lisa Burns as coxswain and WSU graduate student Ryan Hollingshead as stroke seat, while the other seven seats were filled by novice. Because the race is termed as "open" and not a "collegiate" race, non-college athletes are able to compete in such events.

The women's varsity eight had a tough field to race in and finished 18th out of 21 crews with a finish time of 17:03 minutes. "Even though it was raining all day, the women's varsity eight was very good and strong. I thought our coxswain, Ashley Brown, did an excellent job of pushing us and we raced better than expected," says Emily Russell who rowed as stroke seat in the eight. Russell is a senior Physical Education major from Wichita, KS.

The men's varsity eight also had tough competition in their event and placed sixth out of twelve crews. Their finish time was 15:01 minutes, while the first place crew, Harvard, finished the course in 12:58 minutes. Their finish time was enough, however, to qualify for the OGE sponsored NightSprints, a special 500 meters event held later that night.

The women's novice eight was able to secure a bronze medal in their inaugural row of the season. They finished with a time of 19:34 minutes. A second women's novice eight competed later that day with a time of 18:40 minutes, finishing sixth of nine crews.

WSU qualified five boats for the exciting OGE NightSprints. The race is only 500 meters and the events begin right as the sun goes down. The river is lit up and competing crews are handed glow sticks and necklaces as they launch to compete. The men's varsity four was able to secure the gold in an exciting race having won by two seconds. Then four WSU men's eights, varsity and novice, competed with another crew from Texas in the petite finals, finishing first, second, and third. To end the night, fireworks light up the river as the last boats of the NightSprints leave the river and crews prepare to load trailers and head home.