

Class Races – October 20, 2012

PRESS RELEASE

Wichita State University Rowing enjoyed great weather for the annual Class Races on Saturday, October 20, 2012. The team split up from its normal lineups to create a boat for each class, including three freshmen boats and one sophomore & junior mixed boat. The crews raced along with an alumni boat in a head race on the Little Arkansas River. The junior boat won first place with a boat full of experienced rowers. The senior boat took second by thirteen seconds and was filled with two novice, or first year, rowers.

Directly following the long distance head race was a fun sprint race of about 375 meters. The crews raced in a bracket, double elimination style and were seeded based on the fastest finishing times of the head race. Again the junior boat beat out the senior boat at the final race but won by less than one second in a thrilling race.

"It was fun. The seniors rowed better than expected and it was all around a fun day," said William Calderwood an aerospace engineering major of Wichita, KS. Calderwood rowed seven seat in the senior boat.

Following the sprint races was a chance for parents and other family members of rowers to get in a boat and try rowing for themselves. Boats were filled with an experienced coxswain and four experienced rowers to help with the lesson. "Now I see why our boys love it so much," said Brian Calderwood, father of senior William Calderwood and sophomore Andrew Calderwood.