

Clark Athletics

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CREW

2005 Men's & Women's Crew - Postseason

Newsletter produced by the head coach and the sports information office

2005 Spring Recap

Clark's Rowing teams had a short spring season this year due to some difficult weather conditions. The team kicked off the season with a successful week-long training trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida during spring break. The team returned to Worcester and a frozen Lake Quinsigamond.



Despite the challenges, the women's crew program reached new highs again this season. The WV8 defeated Sacred Heart, Brandeis and Fairfield in the opening race of the season and placed sixth in the NEWMAC Championship the following weekend finishing one second behind Wellesley's top eight. The women's varsity four

consisting of Emily Lescak '07, Margy Wilcox '05, Sarah Brooks '08, Ashley Blake '05 and Meryl Berger '07 finished second in the grand final and second



out of 16 boats overall at the 2005 New England Championships. The second-place finish is the highest achievement by a Clark boat at the New England Championships. The Cougars earned selection to the ECAC National Championships, which were cancelled due to weather.

The men's varsity four boat of coxswain Mike Agnelli '05, Brian Godard '05, John Matulis '05, Julius Lagliva '05 (heats), Tom Valleau '07, and Stefan Spassov '08 (petites) finished third in their first heat at the New England Championships with a time of 7:27.29. They went on to finish 12th of 17 boats in a time of 7:29.57 beating Connecticut College, Franklin Pierce, Williams, Mass Maritime, and Brandeis.

Crew Alumni and Family Luncheon



Clark Rowing held the second annual luncheon for alumni and rowers' families at the Donahue Rowing Center in conjunction with the New England Championships on Sunday, May 1st. Joining us this year were alumni Wes Shepeluk '55, Dick Pierson '61, Carla Odiaga '80, David Whiting '89, Rachel Jackson '93, Amy Wiesenfeld '98, Sam Stratton '01, Bethany Saunders '02, and Jess Greenblatt '04. We appreciate all those who were in attendance at this year's event. We look forward to seeing you next spring at the 2006 New England Championships.

Fundraising

The team has started raising funds toward a new shell for the program. To assist the team with this effort, please join the **Friends of Clark Crew**. You can make your gift online by accessing the Friends of Clark link on the athletic website, www.clarku.edu/athletics or send a check to the athletic department, payable to Clark University. For more information, please contact Head Coach Erick Thiemke.

NEWMAC All-Conference Honors

NEWMAC All-Conference Novice Team
Sarah Brooks '08

NEWMAC All-Conference Varsity Team
Ashley Blake '05
Margy Wilcox '05

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