

Otago rowers excel as Uni Games gets underway

The University of Otago refused to let go of the trophy that contains the ashes of their former rowing shed at today's New Zealand University Games rowing championships in Wanganui.

The Ashes, the trophy for the overall rowing championship, was awarded to Otago for the seventh time since 1998. The regatta was held on the Whanganui River and involved more than 300 students from New Zealand universities all over the country.

New Zealand University Rowing Council President, Glen Sinclair, said the regatta was fantastic and ran smoothly.

"It was absolutely brilliant - it's been a great day. Otago has done a ton of work but the surprise university was Victoria, which placed third equal with the University of Waikato. They have done really well and have been building themselves up over the last few years."

Victoria University scored five thirds and seven seconds and also won the Men's Tournament Eight.

The prestigious Heberley Cup for the Men's Championship eight was won by Otago but the Tamaki Cup for the Women's Championship eight was won by the University of Waikato.

Kirsty Elder and Nathan Cohen, both from Otago, won the Championship Singles.

Nathan Cohen, who has twice placed second in the World Championship junior single sculls, ran a close race with Waikato rower Simon Lack.

"It was tougher than I thought," said Cohen. "It's a pretty hard river to race on. The competition was good, it was probably the highest standard we have had in the singles for a few years."

Jim Ellis, Executive Director of University Sport New Zealand, says the regatta has set the Games off to a fine start.

"What a great start to the Games. Wanganui has been a brilliant venue and all the competitors have enjoyed the weather and the river conditions. Well done Otago and now onto Wellington!"

This year, apart from the rowing in Wanganui, the 28 sports will be held at venues around Wellington from 18-21 April. The event, which has attracted more than 2,000 competitors, is organised by University Sport New Zealand, in partnership with Victoria University, Victoria University Students' Association, Wellington City Council, Sport Wellington Region and the New Zealand Community Trust.

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2006 New Zealand University Games rowing championships placings

Overall University Placings		
Position	University	Points
1 st	Otago	116
2 nd	Canterbury	34
3 rd =	Waikato	32
3 rd =	Victoria	32
5 th	AUT	22
6 th	Auckland	11
7 th	Massey Palmerston North	2
8 th	Lincoln	1
9 th	Massey Wellington	0

COMPLETE RESULTS ON FOLLOWING TWO PAGES



2006 University Games Rowing Championships – Results Sheet

Event	Start Time	Event	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	8:00 a.m.	Mens Championship Eight	OTA 2	VIC	CAN	AKL	OTA 1									
2	8:20 a.m.	Womens Intermediate Double	AUT 1	WAI 1	OTA 1	VIC 1	CAN	MPN 1	OTA 2	MPN 2	OTA 3	VIC 2	AUT 2	VIC 3	AKL	
3	8:40 a.m.	Womens Novice Four	OTA 1	VIC 1	VIC 2	AKL	CAN 2	OTA 2	CAN 1							
4	8:50 a.m.	Mens Novice Eight	OTA	VIC												
5	9:00 a.m.	Mens Intermediate Double	OTA 1	CAN 1	AKL	VIC	OTA 3	CAN 2	MWL	CAN 3	OTA 2					
6	9:15 a.m.	Womens Championship Eight	WAI	OTA 2	OTA 1	VIC										
7	9:30 a.m.	Mens Championship Four	OTA 1	VIC 1	WAI	AKL	CAN 1	OTA 2	CAN 2	VIC 2	LIN					
8	9:45 a.m.	Womens Novice Eight	OTA	VIC 1	VIC 2	CAN										
9	10:10 a.m.	Mens Novice Four	OTA 1	WAI	VIC 1	AKL	OTA 2	VIC 2								
10	10:25 a.m.	Womens Championship Single	OTA 1	AUT	CAN	OTA 2	MWL									
11	10:50 a.m.	Womens Intermediate Four	AUT	OTA 1	MPN	WAI	CAN 1	OTA 2	CAN 2	OTA 3	VIC 1	VIC 3	VIC 2	AKL		
12	11:00 a.m.	Mens Championship Double	CAN 2	OTA 1	AKL	OTA 2	LIN 1	LIN 2	MWL							
13	11:15 a.m.	Mens Intermediate Eight	OTA	CAN	AKL	VIC										
14	11:30 a.m.	Womens Tournament Four	OTA 2	OTA 1	OTA 3	VIC 1	CAN	VIC 2	AKL							
15	11:55 a.m.	Womens Intermediate Eight	OTA 1	VIC 1	OTA 2	VIC 2	CAN	AKL								
16	12:15 p.m.	Mens Tournament	OTA 1	WAI	CAN	AKL	VIC 1	OTA	VIC 2							



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17	12:25 p.m.	Womens Championship Double	WAI	AUT	OTA 1	OTA 3	CAN	OTA 2								
18	12:55 p.m.	Womens Lightweight Double	OTA 1	OTA 2	AUT	OTA 3	VIC 1	VIC 2								
19	1:05 p.m.	Mens Intermediate Four	OTA 2	OTA 1	VIC 1	VIC 2	AUT	LIN	CAN	AKL 2	AKL 1	WAI				
20	1:15 p.m.	Mens Championship Single	OTA 1	WAI 1	CAN 3	OTA 2	AUT	AKL 1	CAN 1	MPN	AKL 2	MWL 2	CAN 2			
21	1:30 p.m.	Womens Tournament Eight	OTA	VIC 2	VIC 1	CAN										
22	1:45 p.m.	Womens Championship Four	WAI	CAN	OTA 1	OTA 2	AUT									
23	2:00 p.m.	Mens Championship Pair	AKL1	CAN 1	OTA 1	OTA 2	CAN 3	AKL 2	VIC 1	AUT	VIC 2	LIN 1	CAN 2	LIN 2		
24	2:40 p.m.	Womens Intermediate Quad	OTA 1	CAN	MPN	OTA 2	AUT	VIC 1	OTA 3	WAI	AKL	VIC 2				
25	2:55 p.m.	Womens Championship Pair	AUT	WAI 1	WAI 2	OTA 3	WAI 3	OTA 2	OTA 1	CAN						
26	3:05 p.m.	Mens Tournament Eight	VIC	OTA												
27	3:15 p.m.	Mens Intermediate Quad	CAN	OTA	LIN	VIC	AKL									
28	3:25 p.m.	Mens Lightweight Pair	CAN	AKL	OTA 2	AUT										

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AKL = Auckland, AUT = Auckland University of Technology, CAN = Canterbury, LIN = Lincoln, MPN = Massey Palmerston North, MWL = Massey Wellington, OTA = Otago, VIC = Victoria, WAI = Waikato

