

REPORT OF PLEBE 150 POUND CREW RACE

3:15 p.m., Saturday
14 April 1956
Annapolis, Maryland

Navy Coach: Ens. E. M. Krech USN
St. Joseph's Coach: Mr. James Manning

Won by - St. Joseph's of Philadelphia (6:45)
2nd Navy (6:47)

1. The race was the standard one mile course for high schools and was run without the use of stake boats. The race was delayed because of the difficulty the crews had getting on the starting line. The water was very choppy and there was a strong headwind. Both shells carried water due to the choppy river.

2. Navy got off to a quick lead and held it for most of the course. At about a quarter-mile from the finish, St. Joseph's upped the stroke and slowly cut down the half length lead Navy had on them until at the finish they were a half length ahead of the Navy boat.

3. The Navy boating was:

Cox. - Thornton, P. A.
Str. - Field, T.
7 - Dickinson, J. C. III
6 - Gorham, M. R., Jr.
5 - Gregory, H., Jr.
4 - MacFarlane, B. N.
3 - Engel, R. L.
2 - Naef, F. E.
Bow - Lekebusch, A. O.

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3:15 p.m., Saturday
21 April 1956
Annapolis, Maryland

Navy Coach: Ens. E.M. Krech, USN
Geo. Wash. Coach: Mr. Julian Whitestone
Wash. & Lee HS Coach: Mr. Charles Butts

Won by - Navy Plebes (5:01)
2nd Geo. Wash. (5:03)
3rd Wash. & Lee HS (5:09)

1. The race was the standard one mile course for high schools and was run without the use of stakeboats. The water was slightly choppy and the wind was from the starboard quarter.

2. All three crews started at a 40 stroke and Navy settled down to a 34 which they rowed throughout most of the race. Navy jumped into the lead from the start and only at the finish were threatened by any of the other crews. At the half mile Navy had about six seats on G.W. with W.&L. in third a length and a half behind Navy. Near the finish the Navy stroke took the stroke up to a 37 and then finished at a 35 with G.W. in second three seats behind. W.&L. finished in third a length and a half behind Navy.

3. The Navy boating was:

Cox. - Thornton, P.A.
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7 - Dickinson, J.C. III
6 - Gorham, M.R. Jr.
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REPORT OF PLEBE 150 POUND CREW RACE

5:00 p.m., Wednesday
25 April 1956
Annapolis, Md.

Navy Coach: Ens. E. M. Krech, USN
Prendergast Coach: Mr. Brennan

Won by - Navy Plebes (6:30)
2nd Prendergast HS (6:48)

1. The race was the standard one mile course for high schools and was run without the use of stakeboats. The water was choppy; there was an incoming tide and a fairly strong headwind.

2. Both crews started at a 40 stroke and Navy gained an early lead, leading by two seats at the end of the racing start. Navy settled to a stroke of 30 and at the half mile was out in front by two lengths. They were never threatened by Prendergast and did not take up the stroke near the finish. Navy finished at a 27 stroke, four and a half lengths ahead of Prendergast.

3. The Navy boating was:

Cox. - Thornton, P. A.
Str. - Turner, J. W.
7 - Dickinson, J. C. III
6 - Gorham, M. R., Jr.
5 - Gregory, H., Jr.
4 - MacFarlane, B. N.
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4. The referee was Cdr. R. W. Clark, USN, of the ME Department.

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REPORT OF 150 POUND CREW RACE

2:55 p.m., Saturday
28 April 1956
Ithaca, New York

Navy Coach: LCdr. H. Y. Davidson USN
Princeton Coach: Mr. D. Rose
Cornell Coach: Mr. B. Hart

Varsity

1. Princeton (7:15)
2. Cornell (7:17.4)
3. Navy (7:34.4)

Junior Varsity

1. Cornell (7:18)
2. Princeton (7:24)
3. Navy (7:28)

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1. The course was the measured Henley (one and five/sixteenths miles) course. No stakeboats were used and the race was started from a drifting start.
 2. In the JV race Navy got off to a stroke of 41 and at the end of the racing start trailed Cornell by half a length and led Princeton by six seats. Cornell pulled steadily ahead while Princeton slowly came up on Navy until at the half mile mark they were even. Navy rowed the body of the race at a 34. At the finish Navy was stroking a 39. Cornell finished first a length and a half ahead of Princeton, who led Navy by a length.
 3. All three Varsity crews started even from the drifting start and at the end of racing start Cornell led Navy and Princeton, who were even. With one mile to go, Cornell at a 33 stroke had a quarter length lead over Princeton who was also stroking a 33. Navy was third, ten feet behind Princeton, stroking a 31. At the half mile, Cornell's lead was narrowed to one foot by Princeton, with the Navy varsity one length of open water behind. At the quarter mile, Cornell, rowing a 37, was even with Princeton, rowing a 38. Both crews were three lengths in front of the Navy varsity. All crews sprinted at the finish, The Cornell boat caught a crab and dropped a half length behind Princeton, who finished at a 38. Navy was third, four lengths behind Cornell. Navy rowed the body of the race at a 31.
 4. The Navy boatings were:

Varsity

Cox. - Coon, P. D.
Str. - Webster, J. A.
7 - Christensen, E. S., Jr.
6 - Kirkpatrick, J. D.
5 - Howard, B. J.
4 - Williams, A. P.
3 - Priebe, T. R.
2 - Walker, C. L., Jr.
Bow - Cook, J. H. III

Junior Varsity

Pinkham, C. T.
Garland, K. P.
Stumcke, F. B., Jr.
Wellborn, R. M., Jr.
Port, J. C.
Marbain, M. D.
Bee, G. H., Jr.
Copeland, J. R.
Harriss, D. J.

5. The water was slightly choppy and there was a light headwind.
 6. The referee was Mr. Robert Tallman of Ithaca, N. Y.
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REPORT OF 150 POUND CREW RACE

3:00 p.m., Saturday
5 May 1956
Annapolis, Maryland

Navy Coach (V): LCdr. H. Y. Davidson USN
Navy Coach (P): Ens. E. M. Krech USN
Pennsylvania Coach (V): Mr. W. Myers
Pennsylvania Coach (F): Dr. T. Kerr

<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JUNIOR VARSITY</u>	<u>FRESHMEN</u>
1. Navy (7:29)	1. Navy (7:59)	1. Navy (8:19)
2. Pennsylvania (7:34.4)	2. Pennsylvania (8:10)	2. Pennsylvania (8:39.8)

1. The course was the measured Henley (one and five-sixteenths miles). No stakeboats were used; the races were begun from a drifting start.

2. In the plebe race, the Navy shell got off to a fast start, stroking a 38. When the crew settled down, Navy was in front by a length. Penn settled to a 28 while Navy settled to a 31. At the mile Navy had a lead of $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and was steadily and strongly moving ahead. At the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile mark, Navy increased their lead to $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths with Penn using a long stroke. Navy, handling the rough water very well, dropped down to a 29 still opening water on Penn. With a half mile to go, Navy's lead had increased to $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. Penn had increased their stroke to 30 but to no avail. Navy took a very short sprint at the finish with a stroke of 35 while Penn had upped the stroke to a 36. Navy finished five lengths ahead of Penn.

3. In the junior varsity race, Navy had a half length edge on Penn at the end of the fast start. Starting with a 36, the Navy JV's settled to a 31, Penn to a 28. At the mile mark, Navy was out in front by 7 seats. With $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to go, Navy had dropped their stroke to a 28 also but had still increased their lead to a full length. Penn's stroke was increased to 30 at the half mile mark while navy's was 28, with Navy a length and a quarter in front. Navy sprinted the last ten strokes at a 34, and Penn finished at a 36, two and a half lengths behind Navy.

4. In the varsity race, Navy started at a 34 and Penn at a 32, with the Navy shell out in front by a half length. At the mile, Navy was stroking a 32 and Penn 30 with Navy steadily increasing their lead to a full length. Both crews then dropped their stroke to steady the shells in the wind which was picking up. Penn Managed to limit Navy's lead until the half mile mark when Navy punched ten and the lead increased to a length and a quarter. At the quarter mile, Navy rowing a 32 was out in front by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, at which time Penn upped their stroke to a 34 and closed Navy a quarter length. Navy finished the race at a 36 and Penn a 37 with Navy out in front with five feet of open water between them and Penn.

The Navy boatings were:

	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JUNIOR VARSITY</u>	<u>FRESHMEN</u>
Cox.	Coon, P. D.	Holmen, P. C.	Thornton, P. A.
Str.	Webster, J. A.	Peyton, G. D. II	Turner, J. W.
7	Christensen, E.S., Jr.	Altergott, H. K.	Dickinson, J. C. III
6	Kirkpatrick, J. D.	Burns, J. D.	Gorham, M. R., Jr.
5	Howard, B. J.	Nicholas, J. R.	Gregory, H., Jr.
4	Williams, A. P.	Lindsay, E. E., Jr.	Macfarlane, B. N.
3	Priebe, T. R.	Gates, H. H.	Engel, R. L.
2	Walker, C. L., Jr.	Minar, G. H.	Naef, F. E.
Bow	Cook, J. H. III	Stober, R. C.	Lekebusch, A. O.

6. Slight swells were a hindrance to the race, and the wind was a fresh headwind, for the plebe race. The wind dropped for the JV race but the water was still choppy. For the varsity race, the wind was also up the course at about ten knots and the water was choppy.

7. The referee was Cdr. R. C. Giffen, Jr., USN, of the Physical Education Department.

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REPORT OF 150 POUND EARC CREW RACES

Saturday
12 May 1956
Princeton, New Jersey

Navy Coach: LCdr. H. Y. Davidson USN

JUNIOR VARSITY

1. Cornell (6:47.3)
2. Harvard (6:47.5)
3. Navy (7:01.1)
4. Yale (7:03.3)

1. The course was the measured Henley (one and five-sixteenths miles). Stakeboats were used. Navy used borrowed shells.

2. The Navy Junior Varsity qualified in the second heat. They won with 7:05.8 followed by Princeton with 7:06.06. In the final race Cornell jumped off to a slight lead at the start, rowing a 37, with Navy in third rowing a 39. At the mile and $\frac{1}{4}$ mark, Cornell was in front, still at a 37 with Yale, Navy, and Harvard in that order. Near the mile mark, Navy rowing a 33 moved into second place with Harvard coming up strongly. at the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile mark, Cornell had $\frac{3}{4}$ length on Harvard. Navy was third $\frac{1}{3}$ length behind Harvard and had a slight lead over Yale. With $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to go, Cornell still held their $\frac{3}{4}$ lead over Harvard and Harvard had open water on Navy. Yale was a boat deck behind Navy. Harvard closed on Cornell to $\frac{1}{2}$ length at the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile rowing a 36. Both Cornell and Harvard upped their stroke to a 38 with Harvard still closing on Cornell. Navy was third and Yale fourth. Cornell crossed the finish line at a 42, just two feet ahead of Harvard, with Navy finishing at a 35 in third place three lengths behind. Yale was fourth $\frac{1}{2}$ length behind Navy.

3. The Navy Varsity rowed in the Second heat. They came in third, behind Princeton and Dartmouth, with a time of 6:49. Princeton's time was 6:41 and Dartmouth's was 6:43.4. Navy did not qualify for the final race. In the final race both Princeton and Cornell broke the previous course record on Lake Carnegie for the varsity, the previous record being 6:34 set by Princeton. (Princeton-6:31. Cornell-6:33.4)

4. The Navy boatings were as follows:

	<u>VARSAITY</u>	<u>JUNIOR VARSITY</u>
Cox.	Coon, P. D.	Holmen, P. C.
Str.	Webster, J. A.	Peyton, G. D. II
7	Christensen, E. S., Jr.	Bee, G. H., Jr.
6	Kirkpatrick, J. D.	Burns, J. D.
5	Howard, B. J.	Nicholas, J. R., Jr.
4	Williams, A. P.	Wellborn, R. M., Jr.
3	Priebe, T. R.	Port, J. E.
2	Walker, C. L., Jr.	Copeland, J. R.
Bow	Cook, J. H. III	Stober, R. C.

5. The water was smooth with very little wind.

6. The referee was Mr. Gordon D. Sikes of Princeton, New Jersey.

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