

Local crews glide at 76th National Championships

The Scholastic Rowing Association's 76th National Championships were held in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Hosted by the Saratoga Rowing Association, the two-day event attracted 3,100 rowers from high schools throughout the East Coast and Mid-Atlantic region. Fish Creek, which flows out of Saratoga Lake, provided the 1,500-meter course for the rowers. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and both days were warm and sunny with little wind.

Girls: Episcopal shines

On the girls side, **Episcopal's** Varsity Girls' Quad won its third straight National Scholastic Championship at Saratoga Springs. The EA quad has gone undefeated for two straight years. Seniors Bridget Gribbin (bow) and Emily Ciccotti (stroke) have not lost a race on the Schuylkill in over two years, including winning the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta in the fall in the Youth Double by more than 30 seconds. Both girls are headed to Georgetown where they will row for the Hoya lightweight program beginning this fall.

Juniors Elise Johanson and Nicole Frederick



Episcopal Academy's Varsity Girls' Quad won its third straight National Scholastic Championship at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Enjoying the moment are coach Molly Konopka, Bridget Gribbin, Emily Ciccotti, Elise Johanson and Nicole Frederick.

rowed in the two and three seats, respectively, and will be back shooting for an unprecedented four-peat in 2011.

Also at Scholastic Nationals, the Episcopal Varsity Girls Four advance to the Petite Finals, placing 10th overall out of 30 crews. Stroked by senior Olivia DeSalvo, the four included senior Seanie Burke, juniors Zoe Stolper and Amanda Chikowski, and senior coxswain Courtney McKinney.

Crews make the cut

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Four **Radnor** boats qualified for Nationals, including a Freshmen 8, Lightweight 8 and two Varsity boats. Friday's racing consisted of heat races with three Radnor boats (Lightweight 8, Second Varsity and Varsity 8) progressing to semifinal races Saturday morning.

The Varsity 8 boat placed first in its semifinal heat with a comfortable lead. In the Grand Final the Raiders came in second place in the competitive Varsity Women's Eight, just 2 seconds behind the first-place boat. The Radnor boat included Kelsey Flail, Kendall Chapin, Chandler Lally, Alli Webster, Lexi Katz, Marissa MacCormick, Emma Howard, Sophia Blair and Emma Burke.

Radnor will be losing four seniors to graduation in MacCormick, Andrea Hartmann, Flail and Lindsay Press.

Sacred Heart sent four boats to Saratoga Springs and two boats advanced to finals. Senior Colleen McClatchy competed in the team's Varsity 1x and took second in her qualifying heat and fourth in the semifinals.

The JV4+ of sophomores Jordan Cech, Elise Gerardi, Caroline Greenwald and Tyler Mitchell and freshman cox Gabrielle Gaeto placed fourth in

their qualifying heat.

The JV Quad of junior Patty Price and sophomores Kelsey Williar, Tyler Brady and Alex McNulty took first place in its qualifying heat and finished fourth in the final. The Varsity 2x of seniors Grace Scorzetti and Emily Burcher captured third place in their semi and placed sixth in the final.

McClatchy will continue onto Cincinnati for the U.S. Youth National Championships next week.

Baldwin Madison Noteware and Allison Hoeltzel won the Girls' Lightweight Double event at Saratoga Springs by a margin of 6 seconds. Baldwin's time was 6:12.804. The Lightweight Double has won gold at the Philadelphia Scholastic Rowing Association City Championships, the Stotesbury Cup Regatta and the New Jersey State Championships. It will seek to continue its winning streak next week in Cincinnati.

Also making the finals at the SRAA was Baldwin's Junior Double, stroked by Kaylah Klecksa and bowed by Tess Candell. It finished fifth with a time of 06:29.952. Both the Senior Double of Alison Callegari and Gabby Amundson and the Junior Quad of Natalie Webb, Charlotte Beever, Alexandra Kontra and Elizabeth Asch fin-

at National Championships in Saratoga, N.Y.



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The Radnor Varsity 8 captured a second place at the Scholastic Rowing Association's 76th National Championships in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The boat includes (front, from left) seniors Marissa MacCormick and Kelsey Flail; and (back) Sophia Blair, Emma Howard, Chandler Lally, coach Megan Biging, Alli Webster, Emma Burke, Kendall Chapin and Lexi Katz. See Page 20 for more details.

ished with the seventh fastest time in their respective events.

Harriton was represented by two boats at Saratoga Springs. The Women's Lightweight Four+, with Sylvie Kraus (stroke), Eliza Brooks, Alison Frank, Emily Dvorchak and Catherine Haslam (coxswain), placed first in its ini-

tial heat with more than a 7-second lead ahead of Westminster School. In the semifinals, it placed third, advancing to finals, where it placed fourth overall.

Harriton's Women's Varsity Four+, rowed by stroke Tory Zuzelo, Cara Conwell, Jen Margulies, Katherine Kanchann and coxswain Rachel Bookman, placed second in its initial heat, advancing to semifinals where it placed fifth.

Lower Merion competed at Saratoga Springs with the Girls V 4+ (stroke Julia Vresilovic, Sarah Joseph, Morgan McMullen, Giana Frusone and coxswain Marisa Frainow) placing third in its heat and advancing to a repechage in a second attempt to qualify for the semifinal. The girls placed first to qualify for the Saturday semifinal.

The Girls V4+ was eliminated after a strong fifth place in the semifinal. The Girls JV 8+ placed fifth in its heat Friday morning and did not advance.

The Lower Merion Girls Lt4+ (stroke Frances Loeb, Emily Durante, Julia Policastro, Ellen Urheim and coxswain Rachael Bowen) came in second by less than a second in the heat, and qualified for the semifinal Saturday. The girls won their semi, coming out with the fastest time overall. Saturday afternoon the girls raced a really great race,



Episcopal Academy's Varsity Girls' Four advanced to the Petite Finals, placing 10th overall out of 30 crews. The team is (from left) Olivia DeSalvo, Seanie Burke, Amanda Chikowski, Zoe Stolper and Courtney McKinney.

fighting almost the entire race to maintain first place, but were edged out with less than 50 meters to go by Manhasset, which won with a margin of just .4 of a second.

Boys' action

On the boys' side, **Radnor** rowed at the SRAA Nationals Regatta in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The Radnor club qualified a Senior 8, a first for this young club, and a Junior 4.

The Senior 8, crewed by Caleb Glassman, Marc Khouri, Eric Stroczyński, Nick Mathison, JP Afring, Jin Hwang, Chris Weber, Ben Yeager and Ben Croop, placed third in the qualifying heat and advanced to the repechage round where it finished fourth.

The Junior 4, crewed by

Declan Carbery, Cameron Staines, Jimmie Puckette, Kumar Bhattacharyya and David Schnall, rowed well in its three races, advancing to the finals where it finished fifth. This was the first finals finish at the SRAA Nationals for a Junior boat from the Radnor Boys club.

Harriton's Men's Junior Four+, rowed by stroke Steve Hanson, Chris Dolan, Jared Matt, Bryan Ellis, and coxswain Larissa McDonough Wong, placed fourth in their heat and ninth nationally in their class.

Lower Merion's Boys V4+ (stroke Adam Reicheter, Walker Mills, Nathaniel Tarshish, Michael Lowney and coxswain Danial Cohen) placed fifth in its heat Friday morning and did not advance.