



Melbourne University Boat Club Victorious

More than 2100 competitors in 236 rowing eights created a marvelous spectacle today on the Yarra as they raced from Birrarung Marr to Hawthorn Rowing Club in the annual Head of the Yarra.

Club crews representing every state, New Zealand and Japan made the pilgrimage to Melbourne. The annual classic saw crews of all ability test their skill against the country's best for fastest time over the grueling 8.6km Yarra course.

The **Insert Winner** Men's Eight stroked by **Insert name** and superbly coxed by **Insert name** won the race in a sizzling time of **(24:56:40 min)**. They were pushed all the way along the course by the **Second Crew** Men's' eight stroked by **Insert Name** and coxed by **insert name** who finished just **X seconds** behind **(24:59:45)** after 8.6 km of very close racing.

In the elite Women's Eights, **Insert Name** Women's Eight stroked by **Insert Name** took line honors in a time of **(27:57:96)** ahead of **the Insert Name** crew stroked by **Insert name** **(28:45:79)**.

In the schools' section, **Scotch College continued its dominance of the boy's eights**. Their first crew stroked by **Alexander Wolf**, did the course in a time of **(27:02:85 min)** ahead of **Melbourne Grammar (Blomley)** in **(27:55:20 min)**.

The Schoolgirls first eights saw a very strong field of Victorian and interstate crews however it was the **Sydney based Pymble Ladies College stroked by Hanley (32:59:02 min)** who edged out the **Loreto (Melb.) Girls Grammar crewstroked by Hart (33:17:85 min)**.

The oldest competitors - the "Ancient Mariners" (Drummoyne composite) with an average crew age of 81 completed the course in (40:43:47 min).

The race attracted thousands of spectators along the full length of the Yarra course.

A crowd of about 8000 congregated amongst the crews and boats for the trophy presentations and the post race carnival at the finish in the Yarra Bank Reserve in Hawthorn.

Attached are Race section results. Full results are available on the Website www.headoftheyarra.com

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