



## *Texas A&M Crew*

### *Newsletter*

*Spring 2016 Season*

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### ***This Season's Competitions***

Welcome to the Spring 2016 Texas A&M Crew Newsletter! The team was very busy this semester. In addition to traveling to five competitions around Texas and the country, the team purchased a new Eight Boat in March to better serve our rowers. We also finished painting the team's new trailer in Aggie Maroon.

For those parents new to the sport of rowing, there are two seasons in the sport: fall season is "Distance Season," and the races consist of 4k and 5k head races, while the spring season is "Sprint Season," and the races are 1k or 2k head-to-head sprints. Our first two competitions, SWEAT and Erg Rodeo were erg competitions, where rowers compete in 2k sprints on the ergometers (rowing machines). These competitions are a great way for veteran and new rowers alike to transition into Sprint Season and have the best time possible for boating placements. We also competed in on-the-water competitions in Austin and in Tennessee: Heart of Texas, Texas Duel and SIRA.

### ***SWEAT*** *Dallas, TX*

The first competition of the season was the Southwest Ergometer Amateur Tournament (SWEAT) hosted by Jesuit College Preparatory School. This completion was only available for returning rowers due to its proximity to Contract Night. Here, we raced against teams such as Baylor and A&M Galveston. For the first official competition of the season, our rowers showcased their hard work over the Winter Break by earning 5 Gold



*Open Rower and Team President, Garrett Hardin, rests afi*

## **Erg Rodeo**

*Austin, TX*

The week after SWEAT, the entire team traveled to UT in Austin to compete at their annual competition, Erg Rodeo. This is the new novices' first opportunity to compete for Texas A&M Crew and get official 2k times on record. Here, we raced against UT, Rice University, and several rowing fitness clubs for the last erg competition of the season. In a strong showing, the team picked up 8 medals.



*Novice men compete at Erg Rodeo (R to L: Dustin Smith, Aaron Smith, Eric Igana, Christian Weirich, Alfonso Meza)*

### ***Results***

#### **LtWt Novice Women**

*Ashley Adams- Gold  
Kassie Stagner- Silver*

#### **Women's Open**

*Jessica Holloway- Gold  
Emma Partridge- Silver  
Emilia Muniz- Bronze*

#### **Novice Women**

*Paige Anding- Gold  
Kristyn Kraus- Silver  
Kailey Creeger- Bronze*

## **Heart of Texas**

*Austin, TX*

At the largest regatta in Texas, the team faced strong competition from schools such as Northwestern State, UT, A&M Galveston, and other regional schools. On Saturday, the novice boats and the Open 8-boats raced in prelims and finals. The Open Men's 8 made finals, while the Novice Men's 4 earned a bronze medal. The Novice Women earned two medals on Saturday, with a Silver medal in their 4 boat and a Bronze in their 8 boat.

On Sunday, only the Open Men and Women's 4 boats raced. Here, both boats made finals, with the Men's Open 4 finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and the Women's Open 4 finishing 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Novice Men's 4**

*Bronze*

#### **Open Women's 4**

*Silver*

#### **Novice Women's 8**

*Bronze*

## **Texas Duel**

*Austin, TX*

In early April the team returned to Austin to have a friendly duel with UT and TCU. Serving as both the final regatta for the entire team to attend and as a way for the coaches to test out the boat assignments for the SIRA championship regatta, this is a lighthearted and quick event for all the teams. The Novice Women's 8 had a strong performance and edged out UT to take first place.

### **Novice Women's 8**

*Gold*



*The Novice Women's 8 after finishing first at the UT Duel (L to R: Ashley Adams, Kailey Creeger, Krystin Kraus, Ashley Ralph, Emily Mitchell, Victoria Watts, Beverly Krause, Paige Anding. Front: Galen Sulistyo)*

## **Southeast Intercollegiate**

### **Rowing Association Championship (SIRA)**

*Oak Ridge, TN*

Each spring the team brings one boat from each of the four categories to compete at the SIRA Regatta in Oak Ridge, TN. Bringing in teams from the Southeast such as Alabama, University of Virginia, Florida, and more, this regatta is the most competitive of the season. On the first day of time trials, the Open and Novice Women's 4 boats placed into semifinals, which is the top 18 boats. The Open Men's 4 was placed into D finals and the Novice Men's 8 into E

finals. In the Semifinals, the Novice Women placed into B finals, while the Open Women's 4 placed into C finals.

In the Finals on Sunday, the Open Women finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in C Finals, and the Novice Women's 8 finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in B finals. These two boats showcased how the team has benefited from the expanded women's roster we have seen over the past year.



*The Open Men's 4 after their last race at SIRA (L to R: Kaitlin Burg, Brant Carthel, Mic Graffy, Sean Callahan, Will Alexander)*

## **Looking Forward to Next Year**

Howdy! My name is Kassie Stagner and I am the new PR officer for upcoming year. I will be the one updating and maintaining our social media pages, as well as staying in contact with the parents, alumni, and current members. I would like to take this moment to thank all of the parents and friends for their continuous support to the team. We are all very appreciative of everything everyone has done for us! We are looking forward to a great fall season!

If you wish to contact the team you can still use the same email, as I now receive all messages sent to [fundraising@crew.tamu.edu](mailto:fundraising@crew.tamu.edu). I will handle all of your questions about how to support the team moving forward in addition to keeping you all in the loop with future fundraising events.

Make sure to visit our team's website <http://www.tamucrow.com> where we post schedules, news, and more information during the season, as well as our Facebook page, Texas A&M Crew.

In addition to myself, the newly elected officers and coaches for this upcoming year are as follows:

### **Texas A&M Crew Officer and Coaches for 2016-2017**

**Kaitlin Burg '17**  
*President*

**Emma Partridge '17**  
*Vice President*

**Will Alexander '18**  
*Head Coach*

**Emilia Muniz '18**  
*Assistant Coach*

**Jessica Holloway '17**  
*Assistant Coach*

**Kristyn Kraus '19**  
*Secretary*

**Kassie Stagner '19**  
*PR Officer*

**Jake Smith '17**  
*Equipment Manager*

**Alan Abbott '18**  
*Equipment Manager*

**Victoria Watts '17**  
*Treasurer*