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Northeastern Overtakes BU in Season Opener

4/10/2021 BOSTON - Northeastern's [Jan Berend](#) stroked the first varsity eight in a hot start to lead the Huskies over Boston University early Saturday morning. [Jeremy Newton](#) led the second varsity eight while [Karim Kane](#) took the first varsity four to leads within the first 500 meters to beat out Boston University in three of the four races of the day.

After a powerful start for the first race of the day, the first varsity four was able to get the advantage early and maintain the lead all the way to the finish line with a final time of 7:02.700, 12.8 seconds ahead of BU. With a strong and experienced crew in the first varsity eight, the Huskies were able to finish 5.4 seconds ahead of the Terriers, crossing the finish line at 6:02.4 to get the premiere win of the morning. The second varsity eight was able to push through the Charles River with a time of 6:25.200, 12.1 seconds ahead of BU as the conditions seemed to worsen with a strong head wind as the morning went on.

Trying to progress ahead of BU for the entirety of the 2000 meters, the third varsity eight fell 3.46 seconds behind the Terrier boat with a final time of 6:31.424.

With their strong leadership, Northeastern set the tone for the season after not having raced in almost two full years. The Huskies look to return to the waters on May 1st to take on Wisconsin, Boston University and Syracuse here on the Charles River.

No. 3 Huskies split with No. 4 Syracuse, No. 10 Wisconsin

5/1/2021 BOSTON – Battling tricky course conditions along the Charles River on Saturday, the No. 3 Northeastern men's rowing team managed to chart a split of its dual varsity eight races against No. 4 Syracuse (morning) and No. 10 Wisconsin (evening).

No. 3 Northeastern vs. No. 4 Syracuse					
First Varsity		Second Varsity		Third Varsity (fours)	
1. Syracuse	6:12.595	1. Northeastern	6:23.389	1. Northeastern B	7:21.124
2. Northeastern	6:18.524	2. Syracuse	6:23.623	2. Syracuse	7:23.051
				3. Northeastern A	7:28.704

Northeastern's varsity eight boat (6:18.524) traded bows with Syracuse down the course before the Orange staged a sprint inside the last quarter to pull through by the six-second margin.

With [Jeremy Newton](#) in the stroke seat, Northeastern's second varsity crew (6:23.389) built a fast three-seat lead against Syracuse off the dock, maintaining a half-length advantage through most of the race. Despite allowing the Orange to take back water inside the final 500 meters, the Huskies survived to clip their opponent by 0.234 seconds at the finish.

Splitting its third varsity eight into two fours, Northeastern championed the final race of the morning with [Karim Kane](#) stroking the B crew to victory (7:21.124). Though Syracuse controlled the lead through 1,250 meters, the Huskies' B boat pressed late through the gusty conditions, regaining the lead inside the final 400 meters.

No. 3 Northeastern vs. No. 10 Wisconsin					
First Varsity		Second Varsity		Third Varsity	
1. Northeastern	6:18.3	1. Northeastern	6:30.4	1. Northeastern	6:32.9
2. Wisconsin	6:27.8	2. Wisconsin	6:40.1	2. Wisconsin	6:33.5

Bouncing back from defeat on Saturday morning, Northeastern's varsity eight crew (6:18.3) capitalized on its strong start during the night session to cruise to victory against Wisconsin. The Huskies established a half-boat lead by the first 1,000 meters, denying the Badgers ground through the finish.

Like the varsity eight, Northeastern's second varsity eight boat (6:30.4) controlled the early advantage off the dock during its dual race with the Badgers, maintaining a half-boat margin down the remainder of the course.

Eyeing the sweep, the Huskies' third varsity eight crew (6:32.9) matched Wisconsin stroke for stroke, taking a brief lead near the midway point. Approaching the finish, Northeastern chased down the Badgers inside the final 250 meters, prevailing by the 0.7-second margin.

No. 3 Northeastern sweeps No. 6 BU on Senior Day

5/2/2021 BOSTON – Facing its third top-10 opponent across the span of two mornings, the No. 3 Northeastern men's rowing team brought out the brooms during Sunday's Senior Day on the Charles River, sweeping three races against No. 6 Boston University.

No. 3 Northeastern vs. No. 6 Boston University					
First Varsity		Second Varsity		Third Varsity	
1. Northeastern	6:16.7	1. Northeastern	6:22.6	1. Northeastern	6:39.8 - photo
2. Boston University	6:27.6	2. Boston University	6:38.4	2. Boston University	6:39.8

[Jan Berend](#) stroked the Northeastern varsity eight crew to the open-water victory against Boston University as NU clocked its fastest time of the weekend (6:16.7). The Huskies – who defeated the Terriers on April 10 to claim the Arlett Cup – witnessed their margin of victory against BU grow from 5.4 seconds last month to 11 seconds on Sunday.

Like the varsity eight, Northeastern's second varsity eight boat (6:22.6) cruised to the open-water victory against the Terriers. Remy Newton sat in the stroke seat for the Huskies, who crossed the finish 16 seconds ahead of their rivals.

In a photo finish, Northeastern's third varsity eight crew (6:39.8) narrowly defeated BU at the line to complete the Huskies' sweep of the Terriers. [Karim Kane](#) rowed from the stroke seat as NU overcame its single-seat deficit inside the final 400 meters to lead the Huskies to victory.

All crews faced increasing headwinds as races progressed through the morning.

Sunday marked the final collegiate regatta on the Charles River for 13 Northeastern seniors: [Braeden Camp](#), [Leif Carlson](#), [Jan Hennecke](#), [Reuben Houghton](#), [Will](#)

[Lerwick](#) and [Maggie Sweeden](#) – varsity eight; [Rex Berger](#), [Dan Cone](#), [Chris Freedman](#), [Ole Kruse](#), [Jeremy Newton](#) and [Nolan Parks](#) – second varsity eight; [Cormac Purcell](#) – third varsity eight.

No. 5 Northeastern secures Dreissigacker Cup in sweep against No. 8 Brown University

5/8/2021 PROVIDENCE, R.I. – [Jan Berend](#) led the No. 5 Northeastern varsity eight crew to an open-water victory over No. 8 Brown University early Saturday morning securing the Dreissigacker Cup for the first time since 2017. [Jeremy Newton](#) stroked the second varsity eight to their fifth victory ending the regular season undefeated while [Karim Kane](#) streamlined the third varsity eight for the weekend sweep.

No. 5 Northeastern vs. No. 8 Brown University					
First Varsity		Second Varsity		Third Varsity	
1. Northeastern	5:32.8	1. Northeastern	5:34.2	1. Northeastern	5:38.1
2. Brown University	5:38.5	2. Brown University	5:39.4	2. Brown University	5:47.3

With a wide margin between the two crews the Huskies varsity eight crossed the finish line 5.7 seconds ahead of the Bears, with [Maggie Sweeden](#) directing them to their fastest time of the season. The undefeated second varsity eight boat accelerated early in the race to push past Brown University setting their highest tempo of the season. Finishing off the racing day, the Huskies third varsity eight took off strong from the lineup and held an open-water advantage over the Bears for the entirety of the race reaching the finish line 9.2 seconds ahead of the Brown University crew, clocking in their season high race time.

Northeastern crews were victorious in 14 of their 16 races they faced during the 2020-21 regular season competition and gear up to head into the IRA Championships on May 28 after a successful regular season.

Eastern Sprints Cancelled

Northeastern Finishes Fourth in the Nation at the IRA Championships

5/28-30/2021 WEST WINDSOR, N.J. - Northeastern men's rowing places fourth in the nation at the IRA Championships on Saturday morning, the highest overall finish in program history. [Jan Berend](#) stroked the first varsity eight boat to a sixth place finish while [Jeremy Newton](#) and [Karim Kane](#) led the second and third varsity boats through treacherous conditions to fourth place finishes all in their respective Grand Final races. For the third time in program history, Northeastern was represented in all three Grand Final races on championship day.

IRA Grand Final Races					
First Varsity		Second Varsity		Third Varsity	
1. Washington	5:59.7	1. Washington	6:15.4	1. Washington	6:08.5
2. California	6:02.9	2. Dartmouth	6:24.9	2. California	6:11.3
3. Dartmouth	6:07.6	3. California	6:25.9	3. Dartmouth	6:23.1
4. Syracuse	6:10.9	4. Northeastern	6:28.4	4. Northeastern	6:26.1
5. Stanford	6:12.9	5. Syracuse	6:31.2	5. Navy	6:31.9
6. Northeastern	6:16.7	6. Princeton	6:36.4	6. Brown	6:35.2

Experiencing strong winds and heavy rain, the third varsity eight boat pushed hard from the start and established good positioning in fourth place early in the race. In an effort to compete for Bronze in the Grand Final, [Will Dempsey](#) guided the boat to make a charge past Dartmouth setting them 3 seconds behind the Big Green and crossing the finish line in fourth place at 6:26.1.

With wind speeds peaking for the morning during the start of the second varsity eight Grand Final, [Chris Freedman](#) directed to drive the boat powerful from the start. At the 1250m mark, the crew was able to maintain contact with the Syracuse boat, sticking tight to them for the entirety of the race and crossing the finish line 2.7 seconds ahead of the Oranges in fourth place at 6:28.4.

In the final race of the championship featuring the top six crews in the nation, the Huskies took the farthest lane, encountering the strongest northeast wind to their disadvantage. Staying with the pack for the entirety of the race, [Maggie Sweeden](#) led the boat over the finish line at 6:16.7 for a sixth-place finish, 3.8 seconds behind Stanford.

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