

MRC brings home 3 regional medals

Maritime Rowing Club will take its strongest and largest team ever to US Rowing's National Youth Championships in Cincinnati next month, winning gold, silver and bronze medals and qualifying seven boats at the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Championships (NEMAC) regatta in Worcester, MA, May 19-20. Maritime Girls Varsity qualified two boats, the V1 8 and the V4; Maritime Boys Varsity qualified both quad boats; and the New Canaan High School crew, rowing out of the same MRC facility, qualified three boats in the lightweight division, the lightweight girls double and both A and B boats in the lightweight boys double category.

Hosting 36 teams from 10 states, NEMAC is one of twelve qualifying events held around the country that identify the top junior rowers who will row in Cincinnati to determine the national champions.

Maritime Girls Varsity put on an impressive show, with all boats making the finals and two boats capturing gold and silver medals to qualify for Nationals. Equally impressive was the consistent strong performance all day long; every MRC boat got to the finals by winning their heat and semifinal race.

The Girls Varsity 8 boat dominated their event and won the gold medal by six plus seconds over perennial rival CRI. This MRC 8 boat has been unbeatable throughout the spring season at regattas on both coasts, and now can be considered as one of the top teams in the hotly contested varsity 8 event at Nationals. Boat members included Krista Doersch and Samantha Schnoerr as coxswain (Norwalk), Marietta Coburn, Grace Luczak and Caroline Nash (Darien), Betsy Nilan (Milford), Anna Musky-Goldwyn (New

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Canaan) and Lexi Efron and Celia Kohl (Wilton).

The Girls Varsity Four qualified for Nationals by winning the silver medal in this very competitive category, losing by just three seconds to Wayland-Weston. Three weeks earlier, MRC beat this boat in Boston, so the rivalry will continue in Cincinnati. MRC rowers included Kara Bess and Melissa Horne (Norwalk), Lindsey Bragg and Quinn Werner (Darien) and Jeannie Friedman as coxswain (Wilton).

The girls Second Varsity 8 won their heat with a strong sprint to advance into the finals, where they finished just outside the medals at fourth place. Rowers were Isabel Castro as coxswain (Darien), Kerry Donovan (Easton), Nicolle Keogh and Karen Shiers (Norwalk), Julianne Mele (Ridgefield), Jessie Hornung (Weston), Iliana Paul and Julie Raice (Westport), and Chloe Aronson (Rye, NY). For seniors Aronson, Keogh, Paul, Raice and Shiers, this was the last race rowing for Maritime, although most will continue their rowing career at the college level next fall.

Maritime Varsity Boys will send both quad boats to Nationals. Although their race at NEMACs was cancelled due to inclement weather, they petitioned successfully to race in Cincinnati based on their strong spring performance. The boys Varsity A Quad, who won silver at Nationals last year, will compete again against their long-time rival and two-time Nationals Champion Malvern. Boat members include Will Kelly and Dan Kenefick (New Canaan), Sebastian Kirwan (Wilton) and Ben Dann (Pound Ridge, NY). Maritime Varsity B Quad members include Sam Freedgood, Jimmy



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The Maritime Rowing Club's Girls Varsity 8 won gold at the Regional Championships. From left, Samantha Schnoerr, Caroline Nash, Krista Doersch, Celia Kohl, Grace Luczak, Anna Musky-Goldwyn, Betsy Nilan, Marietta Coburn, Lexi Efron and head coach Liz Trond.



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The Maritime Rowing Club's Girls Varsity 4 captured silver at the Regional Championships. From left, assistant coach Ineke DeSimone, Quinn Werner, Kara Bess, Lindsey Bragg, Jeannie Friedman, Melissa Horne and head coach Liz Trond.

Kahmann, Erik Khzouz and Max Mensching (New Canaan).

New Canaan High School crew team qualified three boats for Nationals in the lightweight division. The Lightweight Girls Double boat captured a silver medal with boat members Rebecca Gould (Westport) and Kathleen Holec (New Canaan). Two boats qualified for Nationals in the Lightweight Boys Double category from New Canaan: Boat A won a silver medal with Jordan Mastera and Patrick Cleveland, and boat B captured the bronze medal, rowed by Jake Lude-mann and Ben Hoelt.

The US Rowing National

Youth Championships will be held on June 8-10 on Lake Harsha, outside of Cincinnati.

For youth and adults interested in learn-to-row programs, the 2007 Maritime Rowing Summer Programs will run June 18th - August 10th. Experienced youth rowers can sign up for an intense performance-based summer program of racing, which includes possible participation in the US Rowing Summer Championships and the Canadian Henley regattas.

For more information go to www.maritimerowing.net or call Maritime Head Coaches Yan Yengerovskiy and Liz Trond at 203 854 5492.

VFW, Hardware setting the pace

VFW leads the Ben Whone Division and Rowayton Hardware leads the Spinola Division as Majors play in the Norwalk Little League moves past the midpoint of its season.

At 8-4, VFW leads Kiwanis (9-6) and Monker Grotto (6-5). Rowayton Hardware is 9-1 and leads Rotary (7-4) and the Eagles (7-6).

In the Triple AAA-East, C&C Landscaping leads at 11-3 trailed by Hatch and Bailey (8-4). In the Triple AAA-West, Heritage Carpentry (13-1-1) leads Snellman Construction (8-3) and Matarese Service Station (9-4-1).

Majors Division

Trey Newcomb pitched into the fifth with 10 strikeouts and had two hits and three RBI to lead the Eagles to a 7-4 win over Laurel AC. Franisco Torrealba closed the door with five strikeouts. Jordan Bellairs and Tom Modugno both had two hits, an RBI and scored twice. Will Clyne had a two-run double and Tyler Singewald cleared the scoreboard for the Laurels.

Kiwanis defeated Fuel, 11-5. Chris Winthrop and Kevin Mossop had three RBI and Robert Ranieri had two to back starter Zack LaRusso, who went four innings for the win, and Johnny Anzalone, who picked up the save with a two-inning, six-strikeout effort.

Ryan Evans had nine strikeouts, and scattered three hits over five innings as Rotary routed the Eagles, 14-2. Richie Henderson led the winners with three hits, five RBI and three runs scored. Conor Mulford had two hits, two RBI and two stolen bases. Dylan Morsanutto had a double, an RBI, and three runs scored. Sean Butler had two hits and an RBI, James Henderson had a hit and scored twice, and Evans helped himself with a two-run single, two stolen bases and a run. On defense Jared Smith turned a 4-4-3 double play, and center fielder Luis Santos snagged a line drive just as it was going over his head. For the Eagles, Jordan Bellairs had two hits and an RBI. Thomas Henderson also had a hit and an RBI.

VFW scored in its last at-bat to beat Kiwanis, 8-7, in a back-and-forth contest. Kevin Cronin hit a walk-off homer for VFW. Dallas Blue got the win in relief of Derick Edwards. Getting hits for VFW were Blue, Edwards, Keegan Roberts and Mike Bortex. For Kiwanis Dennis Warfield hit a homer, Kevin Mossop had two RBI and Miles Turner had two hits in. Turner and Johnny Anzalone pitched for Kiwanis.

Rotary dumped Fuel, 19-9. Rotary starter Sean Butler fanned eight and gave up four runs in 3 2/3 innings. Dylan Morsanutto relieved Butler to seal the deal with four strikeouts. Morsanutto also led the attack with three doubles, a triple, six RBI and four runs scored. Richie Henderson had three hits, an RBI and four runs scored. Ryan Evans, Trevor Remy and Luis Santos had two hits each, with Evans driving in three runs and Remy and Santos two apiece. Kevin Love had a double, two walks and three RBI. Conor Mulford, James Henderson, and Sean Butler had hits and Mulford and Henderson drove in runs.

Monker Grotto pounded VFW, 9-5. Monker Grotto got 11 hits. Pete Ferguson, Tristan Opdahl, Nick Lampman, Jack Hefferan, Will Ayles and Matt Savona got hits for Monker. Getting hits for VFW were Dallas Blue, Kevin Cronin, Derick Edwards, Keegan Roberts and Mike Sornatale. Grotto got a win for Tristan Opdahl (3-1) who had 11 strikeouts and gave up five hits and a walk. Keegan Roberts (3-1) took the loss.

The Laurel AC beat the International Lions, 12-3, and the Jaycees beat the Eagles, 13-1.

Bakery beat the Eagles for its third straight win. Joe Ponger stole home in the bottom of the eighth with two out and two strikes on the batter to capture the win for the Bakery. Ponger also had a double and a single, scored twice and in the top of the eighth made a fine defensive play at catcher taking a throw from Ryan Halloran to stop the Eagles go-ahead run. Hunter Sharkey held the Eagles in check the final four innings. Perry Hoye kept a two-out rally alive in the first with a

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two-run single. Ryan Halloran was 2-for-4 with a triple and scored three times. Kevin Joslyn had two hits with two RBI. Andrew Bilardo was 2-for-2. Steve Curran had two doubles. Kevin Partida had a single. Matt Drain scored a run.

Monker Grotto lost to Rowayton Hardware, 12-3. Nick Lampman started and had six strikeouts, followed by Jack Hefferan and Will Ayles. Will Ayles had a double and two RBI, Eric Freeman had an RBI and run scored, and James McQuillan scored a run.

In an exciting game at Bayley Beach, the Lions Club put together a four-run five-hit top of the seventh rally to recapture the lead and hold on for a 12-9 victory over Fuel. A well-pitched game by Lions Teddy Faroni, who scattered nine hits and three runs in five innings was not enough as relief could not stop Fuel before they tied game at 8-8. Danny Molina had three hits for the Lions, and Will Swec, Peter Garcia and Teddy Faroni all had two.

Triple AAA

Stew's snapped a losing streak with a 10-1 win over John Glover. Jasmine Kishimoto and Billy Passero combined for eight strikeouts for Stew's. Passero singled home two runs, Max Helfand singled twice, Bobby Butler tripled and Sam Zaref singled. For Glover, Matt McDonald tripled, and Deion Clark Jeff Vititoe and Brandon Cruz picked up singles.

Snellman beat Rowayton All Seasons, 14-5. Snellman was led by Brian Beaumonte's four hits and four RBI, and Ryan Restivo and Giancarlo Ceci who also had multiple hits and three RBI each. Matt Crowley and Brian Beaumonte held Rowayton to five runs.

Norwalk Pizza and Pasta beat LaJoie's, 15-7. P&P used five pitchers to combine for 15 strikeouts.

At the plate P&P had 17 hits. Shawn Hanzlik had two singles, three runs and an RBI; Justin Jimenez three singles, two runs and two RBI; Brendan Hanzlik a homer, two runs and three RBI; Mike Powers two singles and two RBI. Tommy Benincaso two singles and an RBI, and Pete Kotulsky and Logan Sweeney had two singles and an RBI each.

For Lajoie's, R.J. Kenez singled twice, scored twice and had an RBI. Daniel O'Connor had two singles and an RBI and Spencer Wellen singled twice, scored and had an RBI.

C&C Landscaping beat LaJoie's, 14-4. C&C pitchers Greg Goldstein, Ricky Mejia and John Luke Kanzler had five strikeouts. Sam Evans went 3-for-3 with three RBI. Ber Evans and Dylan each had two hits.

Snellman held off Stew Leonard's, 10-5. Snellman got multiple hits by B.J. Buckle, Alex Barone, Ryan Restivo, Brian Beaumonte, Matt Crowley and Evan Uva. Buckle and Barone had three RBI each, and Beaumonte and Crowley both scored three times. Restivo threw three shutout innings and Harrison Hefferan completed the game. For Stew's Bobby Butler singled four times and drove in a run. Connor Halloran singled twice and drove in a run. Billy Passero hit a three-run inside-the-park homer and Eddie Marcarelli had a single.

A big fifth inning keyed Heritage's 8-3 win over Pizza and Pasta. For P&P, Justin Jimenez had all three hits and drove in one. Shawn Hanzlik and Joey Benincaso had the other RBI.

Matarese hung on to beat Stew's, 11-6, behind the pitching of Christian Bonebrake (three innings, six strikeouts), Nate Cutting (two innings, five Ks) and Parris Fortt (three strikeouts in one inning). Cutting singled, doubled and scored twice. Fortt singled twice. Fanny Fortt singled, doubled and scored three times. Joey LaRacca and Bryant Bracy also had singles. For Stew's, Billy Passero singled, doubled and knocked in three runs. Bobby Butler singled and scored twice, Eddie Marcarelli singled home two runs. Connor Halloran and Cole DeBeradinis both singled and scored and Max Helfand had a double.

Henderson tosses no-hitter with 14 Ks

Richie Henderson threw a no-hitter with 14 strikeouts and six walks to lead Tuff Lawn to a 5-3 victory over Gregory's in American League action of the Norwalk Cranbury Baseball League.

Henderson back his own cause with a home run and two RBIs. In eight games, Henderson has a .759 batting average, five home runs, 29 RBIs and 22 hits.

Jack Patterson made a great over the shoulder catch in the fifth to preserve the no hitter he also caught a hard line drive in the sixth and threw the runner out to keep it intact. Patterson also had two clutch hits and drove in two runs. Nick Lampman and Kamil Boguski also singled sharply to left.

Gregory's 11, RI Pools 1

Michael Carter threw a one-hitter and added two hits to lead Gregory's. Kevin Gutierrez had three hits, including a home run. Jack Hefferan and Charles Ameer had two hits each. Tyler Burns and Jim Roach each had one hit and Devin Garrish had a triple.

Thomas Bergamasco doubled for RI Pools.

RI Pools 9

New England Exteriors 8
RI pools scored three runs in the seventh to post its comeback win.

Jamie Restivo led NEE with three hits, included a long home run over the fence in left field. Mike Rubin had two hits. Juan Colon had a triple and a walk. Jack Careccia and Vinny Boccanfuso each had a hit. McInerney had a walk and scored a run.

Gregory's 11, NEE 1

Rocco Bochetta allowed just one run and four hits over five-plus innings. Michael Carter went two innings with three strikeouts. Carter led Gregory's with three hits, including a home run and a double. Burns had two hits, including a double. Bochetta, Jack Hefferan, Kevin Gutierrez and Noah Peter each had doubles.

Jamie Restivo drove in NEE's only run with a single. Josean Quinones and Juan Colon also had hits for NEE. Evan Czako had two stolen bases.

RI Pools 19, Tuff Lawn 8

RI pools scored 10 runs in the sixth to blow open a close

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game. Jack Patterson lead Tuff Lawn with three hits and four RBIs, including a three-run triple. Alec Judkins and Richie Henderson both had three hits. Nick Lampman and Sam Genovese had two hits. Chris Malagise pitched five strong innings for Tuff Lawn, which turned four double plays to keep it close.

National League

Premier Electric 17

Santo Driving 17

Ray Featherston, Trevor Burns and Kevin Solemene combined to strike out 13 for Premier. Featherston went 3-for-4 with a two-run home run and four RBIs. Catcher Zack Lajoie scored five runs and played great defensively. Burns went 2-for-2 with three doubles and three runs scored. Solemene went 3-for-4 with three singles. Peter Wilms scored two runs for Santo.

Webster 12

Norwalk Acct and Tax 1

Mathew Allen of Tax made a great catch in centerfield to stop one of Webster Bank's rallies.

Laurels AC 4

Nwlc Acctg & Tax 3

Jordan Keyes led Norwalk

Accounting and Tax with a triple.

Neptune Power 23

Premier Electric 3

Ray Featherston had a single, two stolen bases and scored a run for Premier. Joseph Dominick had two stolen bases and scored. Jared Collier had four stolen bases and scored.

Premier Electric 6

Gurnari Construction 4

Ray Featherston pitched three innings with six strikeouts and made an amazing over the shoulder catch at third base. Kevin Solemene pitched three innings in relief with four strikeouts. Both pitched out of bases-loaded jams. Abigail Calderon had a two-run single and had a great catch at first base. Danielle Bean had a solid defensive game at shortstop. Elena Coreano an RBI single.

Nwlc Acctg & Tax 13

Neptune Power 10

Will Uralowich had three hits for Tax while Tommy Vicenzi, Kyle Prescott and Jordan Keyes added two hits each. Guillermo Rosales got his first hit of the season.

For Neptune, Nathaniel Lewis went 4-for-4, Alex Scallin hit a three-run home run and Brian Beaumonte a three-run triple

Webster Bank 11

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Kevin Love, Chris Muraws-

TRAVEL SOCCER

The NJSA U-13 Girls Tides posted a 3-0 victory over Ridgefield in recent action. Nicole Franchella, Lindsay Macri and Deven Machette all scored goals. Assists went to Corey Blattman, Lorena Sferlazza and Dana Bradley. Stephanie Gonzalez stopped four shots.

The Tides defended the White Water Cup Classic Tournament in White Haven, Pa., over Memorial Day weekend. The Tides defeated Boyertown, Pa., 2-0 as Blattman and Talia Santiago scored goals. Jocelyn Bruno and Franchella had assists.

The Tides next defeated Hazelton, Pa., 3-0. Macri had one goal and one assist. Blattman and Santiago scored the other two goals. MaryKate Fornshell and Sferlazza had assists.

In the finals against The Invaders from Washington D.C. the Tides fell behind 1-0 at half. In the second half Macri scored two unanswered goals for a 2-1 win. Sferlazza and Blattman assisted. The game was saved when a shot heading into the Tides net was saved by MaryKate Vicenzi, who cleared the ball before it went in.

Defensively Christina Randall, Kate Bullesbach, Mirofora Kaligoridis, Vicenzi, Santiago and Bruno all had strong games and helped goalie Stephanie Gonzalez (16 saves total) allow only one goal through the tournament.