



ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY CREW NEWS 2009



Scholastic Rowing Association of Michigan State Rowing Championships



The 2009 SRA Michigan State Championship was run Saturday May 16th at Kent Lake, MI (Kensington Metro Park). 133 entries representing 17 clubs from 14 cities across the great state of Michigan participated in 18 events to determine the best-of-the-best in women's and men's rowing. St. Mary's Prep participated in all 9 men's events in a drive to bring home the state championship.

OLSM WINNING BOATS

1	Men's Varsity 8+	3:58.64
1	Men's Lightweight 8+	4:05.37
1	Men's Lightweight 4+	4:33.43
3	Men's 2x	5:21.05

This year's event did not have an overall, men's or women's points cup. The emphasis was on individual event competition with medals awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Only the gold medal boats received the coveted MI SRA Championship patch, and St. Mary's Prep was poised to bring home 9. In the end, OLSM produced 3 gold medal boats, 1 bronze, along with two 4th place finish. 6 of 8 boats were in

the top five earning the team 95 overall points. A strong showing for the men of Orchard Lake. No other club produced as many gold medal boats.

Only one shell failed to advance out of the heats; Men's Varsity 4; and two shells saw disappointment due to a scratch in the 1x, equipment, and the MJ4+, weather cancellation. For the 8 held men's events, St. Mary's Prep medaled in 4. The OLSM Novice racing in the MJ8+ event produced a very respectable 4th place against much older and seasoned oarsmen. Of particular excitement was the MV2x event; K. Sahutske and J. Hulett. Kyle had just finished a gold medal performance with the ML8+ only to hot seat to the 2x, row upstream for the open water start, and race downstream for 3rd in the 2x. A true show of strength and athleticism.

The day was almost in doubt. Overnight thunderstorms with the promise of showers and strong winds threatened the event. But the MI SRA was determined to award medals this year and scrambled the race order so heatless finals were run 1st. The MV8+ took well over 1/2 hour to get set on the rolling Kent Lake. But in the end, only the W4+ final and MJ4+ heat & finals were scratched. Yes it was truly a MI rowing day; wind, sprinkles, delays, and championship medals.

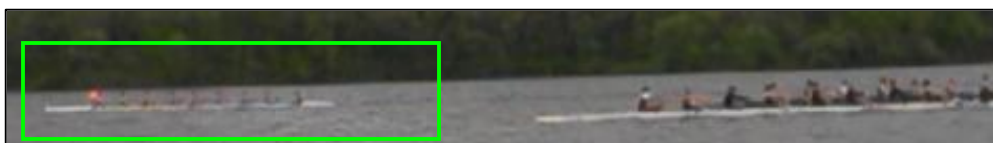
OLSM MV8+ GOLD MEDAL BOAT AT THE FINISH LINE



OLSM ML4+ GOLD MEDAL; A. Starnes, C. Whalen, D. Wright, R. Clemente, A. Steele (c)



OLSM ML8+ GOLD MEDAL BOAT NEAR THE FINISH LINE WITH OPEN WATER



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Regatta Race Times



#	EVENT	FINISH	TIME	PLACING
18	MV8+	1 (30 pts)	3:58.64	1 OLSM 3:58.64 (30) 2 AA PIONEER 4:01.49 (24) 3 E GND RAPIDS 4:13.70 (12)
12	ML8+	1 (30 pts)	4:05.37	1 OLSM 4:05.37 (30) 2 RIVERVIEW 4:09.43 (24) 3 AA PIONEER 4:12.18 (12)
4	ML4+	1 (20 pts)	4:45.08 (h) 4:33.43	1 OLSM 4:33.43 (20) 2 AA PIONEER 4:36.06 (16) 3 RIVERVIEW 4:56.15 (8)
2	M2x	3 (6 pts)	5:21.05	1 ROCKFORD 5:15.05 (15) 2 RIVERVIEW 5:17.09 (12) 3 OLSM 5:21.05 (6)
10	MV2-	4 (3 pts)	4:35.91	1 GROSSE ILE 4:23.07 (15) 2 FST HILLS CENTRAL 4:28.49 (12) 3 ROCKFORD 4:28.91 (6)
6	MJ8+	4 (6 pts)	4:29.87 (h) 4:20.13	1 ROCKFORD 4:09.90 (30) 2 AA PIONEER 4:15.21 (24) 3 FOREST HILLS EAST 4:18.65 (12)
16	MV1x	Scratch	0:00.00 Equipment problem	1 SOUTHGATE 5:27.86 (10) 2 GROSSE ILE 5:28.76 (4) 3. RIVERVIEW 5:54.61 (2)
8	MV4+	Did not qualify	4:02.56 (h)	1 AA PIONEER 4:37.52 (20) 2 E. GND RAPIDS 4:40.62 (16) 3 SALINE 4:46.25 (8)

DUE TO STRONG WINDS, THE RACE ORDER WAS SCRAMBLED. ORDER SHOWN WAS THE ACTUAL RACE ORDER.



Even the OLSM Boosters got into the spirit.



The coxwains ceremonial toss in the lake; L. Davis (top) A. Steele (L)