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THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008

SRAAs 2008 locals line-up for row call

Twenty-six Saratoga County crews will take to Melton Hill Lake in Oak Ridge, Tennessee during the Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Championship Regatta.

All entries qualified through state and regional regatta events where teams all belong to the same high school.

Here's a look at the two-day event's schedule and the local competitors:

**Line-ups are based on New York State championships and info from RaceTrak.*

9 a.m. Women's senior single

Jackie Postulka, Friends of Shenendehowa Crew, Inc.

- The University of Buffalo-bound senior placed second at the New York State championships in 6:32.26. She is the second seed in her heat and a top three finish will advance her to Saturday's final.

9:15 a.m. Men's senior single

Ian Fisher, Friends of Shenendehowa Crew, Inc.

- The Shenendehowa junior was third in the state championship, second in the scholastic division in 5:56.08. He was fourth last weekend at the Stotesbury Cup in 6:01.14 against locals Elihu Reynolds and Shaker's Austin Meyer.

He's in an outside lane with stiff competition expected from entries from Simcoe Composite and Malvern Prep. He'll have to row in a top two to advance to the finals.

9:20 a.m. Men's senior single

Elihu Reynolds, Queensbury

- The Harvard-bound sculler will finally be challenged this year after

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winning the New York State title, again. He was second to future Crimson teammate Austin Meyer who won the Stotesbury Cup men's single in 5:57.02. Reynolds was second at 5:59.61.

With only four rowers in his heat, Reynolds is expected to advance to the final.

9:25 a.m. Women's junior double

Shenendehowa, Taryn Wilson and Rachel Boudreau

- The Shen scullers placed second in the state championships behind St. John the Baptist who will row in the other heat. The duo were third at last weekend's Stotesbury Cup.

The top seed in the heat, the girls need a top three to advance to the finals.

9:35 a.m. Men's junior double

Ballston Spa, Ryan Allen and Eric Newton

- A first for the Scotties as these two are newcomers to the SRAA event. They were second in the NYS championships in 5:53.56 and are in the outside lane. They will face a tough group with Haverford, S. Anderson and New Cannan. They need a top three to advance to the finals.

Riverhead took the NYS title and are also in the outside lane in the second heat, showing the talent both will face in their heat.

9:45 a.m. Men's lightweight double

Shenendehowa, Jared Benway and Chris Ehler

- The Shen pair finished third in NYS and are a top seed in their six-boat heat. They will need a top three to advance to the final.

9:55 a.m. Men's senior double

Shenendehowa, Peter Lyden and Murtaza Zavery

- The Shenendehowa duo were fourth overall in the New York State event, were the top scholastic boat. A good row in their four-boat heat gets them into Saturday's final where they will be challenged.

10:05 a.m. Women's senior double

Ballston Spa, Sarah Martin and Meredith Venerus

- Third in New York State, but as the second scholastic boat, advanced to the SRAAs.

This is a first for the Ballston Spa girls and are in lane two against four boats, can advance with a top three finish.

10:10 a.m. Women's senior double

Saratoga, Maddie Tucci and Caroline Williams

The SRA pair were tops in the scholastic division in 6:28.80, but see a line-up change at the SRAAs. A top three puts them in the final.

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10:15 a.m. Women's freshman eight

Saratoga, coxswain Rae Backens, Caroline Blackington, Mia Jeffreys, Lizzy Fitzhenry, Chelsea Brown, Thora Olsen, Kat O'Donnell, Sierra Monroe and Isabel Price.

- The SRA freshman captured the NYS title in 5:30.61, but had a disappointing weekend at Stotesbury. They have a six-boat heat, one of four and are one of the top two seeds. With a semifinal and final on Saturday, look for a top finish hoping to save some energy for the later races.

10:20 a.m. Women's freshman eight

Shaker, coxswain Laura Hough, Amanda Marsh, Haley Bryk, Khalela Francis, Melissa Urquhart, Erin Czupil, Michelle Li, Jillian Keating and Martina Olstad.

- Second in the state, only three seconds behind Saratoga, they only have five competitors in their heat and have a solid chance to advance in to the semifinals.

10:45 a.m. Men's freshman eight

Saratoga, coxswain Brian Shepherd, Tom Schwartz, Luke O'Brien, Justin Fabian, Andrew Alexander, Colin Magoolaghan, Alex Wakeman, David Peters and Brendan Snyder.

- Nine seconds back at New York States for a third-place finish, Saratoga dodged second place Chaminade who isn't in the event and winner Canisius is in a different heat. With only five boats in the heat the freshman are expected to advance to the semifinals and then battle to get into the final.

11:20 a.m. Men's junior four

Saratoga, coxswain Emma Flynn, Jarod Backens, Wes Wander, Colin Polumbo, Chip Dooley.

- Second in NY State and are expected to advance in the four-boat heat to the semifinals. Then they'll meet NY State champion, Manhasset along with a host of stiff competition.

12:30 p.m. Women's second eight

Saratoga, coxswain Andrea Bambara, Courtney Krueger, Leanne Bryan, Alie Mihuta, Holly Dodge, Christina Dagle, Taylor Murray, Jamie Logan and Morgan Moore.

- Tops in NY State this boat is hoping to earn another salute from their coxswain with a national title.

Rowing out of lane one in a six-boat race they haven't been given a lot of respect for a state champion, look for them to send a message early.

12:45 p.m. Men's second eight

Burnt Hills, coxswain Tim Szablewski, Bryan Murray, Quinn Leahy, Mike Young, Cameron Heyde, Aaron Pape, Tyler Bachand, Zeb Johnston and Jordan Adey.

- Second in NY State behind Chaminade by 12 seconds, the two will meet again in the first heat. Both will look to advance to the semifinal out of the five-boat heat.

1 p.m. Women's senior four

Shenendehowa, coxswain Victoria Allers, Jenn McKay, Kirsten Jesaitis, Lauren Beyer and Mandi Labbe.

- Fourth overall in NY state, third scholastic were 16 seconds behind the winner, Buffalo Seminary. With only four boats in the heat, the key is not finishing last and being eliminated. A repechage will be held later in the day to determine semis and finals.

1:50 p.m. Men's senior four

Saratoga, coxswain Reeves Courtne, Jon Sutton, Adam Jaouad, Peter Snyder and Sebastian Wheeler.

The non-finishers in the NY State championships petitioned their way into the SRAAs and will have only once chance to prove themselves. Last place in their heat out of lane one will end their weekend, if successful they advance to Friday's repechage looking to race Saturday in semi and finals.

2 p.m. Women's senior eight

Shaker, coxswain Bridget Hilton, Christie Chenot, Stephanie June, Shannon Rivenburg, Amanda Urquhart, Jess Niles, Anna Colquhoun, Patricia Shen and Madison Brannigan.

- Fifth overall in NY State, but only 17 seconds behind the winner. In a six-boat heat, the Shaker entry will need to avoid a last-place finish and be eliminated. Top boats advance to semifinals, the rest to the repechage.

2:05 p.m. Women's senior eight

Saratoga, coxswain Emily Krison, Alexandra Torres, Caitlin Schufelt, Madison Buemer, Rachael Conway, Shannon Craig, Alyssa O'Donnell and Columbia Herzlinger.

- Tops in NY State, they ran away with the state title and this boat full of seniors are determined to go out with a national title. Rowing out of lane six, they aren't a high seed, but a first-place finish gets them the rest of the day off and into Saturday's semifinals.

2:15 p.m. Women's senior eight

Burnt Hills, coxswain Alanna Guay, Kate Halbig, Joanna Smith, Katie

Fogg, Jackie Esperti, Victoria Catherine, Amanda Primett, Jesse Burdett and Kelsey Piel.

- They finished third overall, but were second in the scholastic ranks, 10 seconds behind winner Saratoga. Burnt Hills has five boats in its heat and have to finish in the top four to advance. Rowing out of lane six, they will have to hold off TC Williams, O'Connell, Absegami and Plant High to continue.

2:55 p.m. Men's senior eight

Burnt Hills, coxswain Matt Sammons, Ian Robison, James Flacke, Andrew Sayles, Aaron Heyde, Mike Olbrych, Zack Robbiano, Doug McErlean, Curtis Shorkey.

- The New York State champions remained on top, winning again last weekend at the Syracuse Jr. Chargers Invitational last weekend. They are in a six-boat heat with the winner advancing to the semifinals and last place eliminated. Hard to handicap with Fairport (3rd) and Shaker (4th) not traveling, the competition will be from out of state.

3:40 p.m. Men's lightweight four

Saratoga, coxswain Tom Corona, Jeff Schumann, Ben Torpey, Matt Schwartz and Greg Lewis.

- Third-place in NY State, but 12 seconds off the pace, the Saratoga lightweights have something to prove to themselves and the rest of the state. They could see Canisius and McQuaid Jesuit in the semifinals.

3:55 p.m. Women's lightweight eight

Saratoga, coxswain Kiki Hines, Kristen Fay, Margot Albrezzi, Julianna Wakeman, Madison Townley, Emily LaFalce, Hannah Blackington, Chantal Jean and Kara Lucia.

- Fourth overall and third in the scholastic lightweights, Saratoga faces second in NY State, Nardin in their five-boat heat.

Saturday, 1 p.m.

Women's lightweight double final

Shenendehowa, Libby Knight and Lauren Boudreau

- Tops in New York State, with authority, this duo also captured the Stotesbury Cup last weekend.

In a final-only contest, look for them to take off again and not look back.

Saturday, 1 p.m.

Women's lightweight double final

Saratoga, Vanessa Dean and Casey Stein

-Second in New York State, but 15 seconds behind the Shenendehowa pair, they also face competition from Holy Spirit and Sacred Heart.

Saturday, 2:50 p.m.

Women's senior quad final

Saratoga, Kathleen Ronayne, Katelin McGowan, Anna Card and Katelin Alexander

- The top scholastic boat at the NY State event, four seconds behind Mohawk Homeschool, it's one and done for this foursome and has a good chance to medal in the six-boat final.

Saturday, 2:50 p.m.

Women's senior quad final

Queensbury, Sarah Reynolds, Katie Hughes, Laura St. Andrews and Ariel Frank

-Third overall, this could have been settled on Fish Creek as the only other competition is McClean, Episcopal, Forest Park, Ridgewood along with friends in Saratoga. Saratoga County could earn two medals in one event.

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