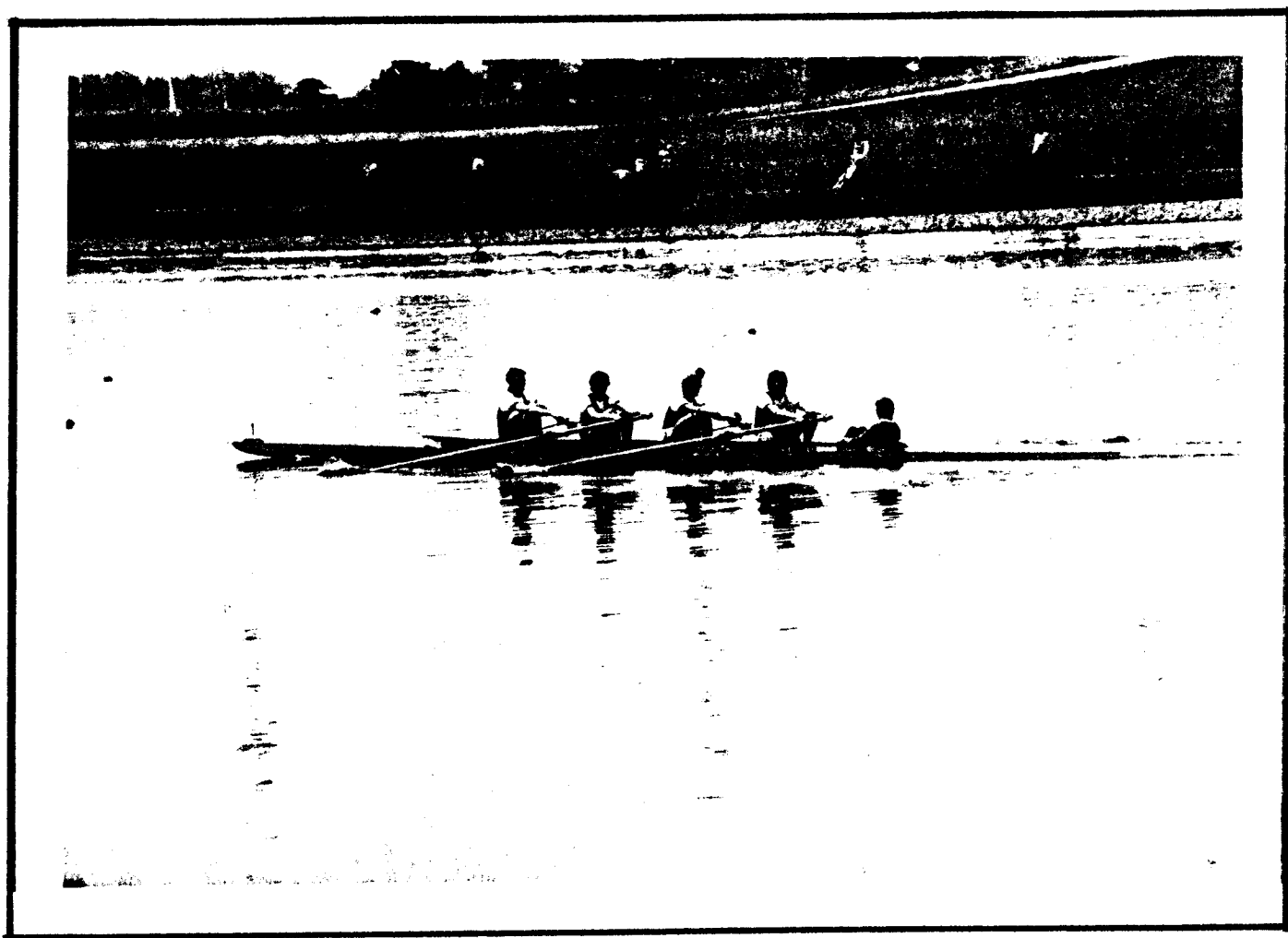


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EDITORIAL

To say, that this had been an eventful year for rowing would be an understatement both in a National and in a local context.

In National terms the British team enjoyed a tremendously successful World Championships in New Zealand following which this country now ranks 3rd in the world. It should also be mentioned that as a result of our team's success the Association has received a most welcome cash boost in the form of £12,000 via the State Express Challenge. Indeed, despite criticism in some quarters about the morals of accepting tobacco company sponsorship, the Amateur Rowing Association placed the interests of its members first and being in need of the cash accepted the challenge. Penny Chuter has been appointed principal National Coach - an imaginative appointment which has been applauded throughout the sport not least by the North East.

On the home front, congratulations are due to Durham University for their magnificent performance in winning the Visitors Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta. David Hosking made it a splendid double for Varsity by winning the gold medal in Lightweight Single Sculls at the National Championships. Another notable performance at the Nationals was that of St. Leonards School who won the bronze medal in Junior 16 Coxed Fours. Congratulations also to York City member Alan Whitwell who was once again a member of the Great Britain team.

On a more domestic note details are published in this edition of major changes in the scoring system for the Division I League Table. The League Table was originally introduced when competitive rowing for Veterans, Juniors and Women did not exist in the same formalised manner as at present. The changes in scoring have been made to give effect to the evolution which has taken place in competitive rowing. At the same time changes have also been made, which it is hoped will give the smaller clubs a more equal chance.

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COVER - St. Leonard's School - Bronze medal winners in Junior 16 Fours. National Championships 1978.

D.U.B.C. AT HENLEY

It is pleasant to be able to record the first victory at Henley Royal Regatta by a north-eastern crew for over a century. D.U.B.C.'s success in the Visitors was the first since the now defunct Newcastle A.R.C. won the Wyfolds in 1874, incidentally the first time that event had been rowed in coxless boats. The only other Henley winner from the area had been W.Fawcus of Tynemouth R.C. who won the Diamonds in 1871, the same year as he also brought the Wingfields to the north for the first and only time. D.U.B.C.'s victory too brings the score level this century with the North West since the only other Henley winner north of the Trent since 1900 has been Royal Chester who took the Wyfolds in 1924. (The score in fact over the whole of Henley's history stands very much in the North West's favour due solely to Royal Chester who enjoyed great success in the early days of that regatta, winning the Grand and the Ladies in 1856, the Thames Cup in 1882, the Stewards in 1855 and 1892, and the Wyfolds in 1855 and 1891 in addition to their 1924 win).

Until 1967, the Visitors was, like the Ladies, closed to a limited number of academic institutions but from 1968 the two events were opened up to allow student entries from any part of the world. Foreign entries were slower to respond in the Visitors than in the Ladies but it has over the last four years begun to attract a number of American entries, one of whom, the University of Washington, won last year. This year there were five American and Canadian entries, most notably Yale, Trinity College from Hartford and Salisbury School, the American western seaboard schools champions. It was this last crew that had lost a herculean struggle against University and College Hospital, London by three feet in the quarter final, the second verdict of that distance in the event, Fitzwilliam having beaten L.M.B.C. by a similar distance in another quarter final.

In the past D.U.B.C. has on occasions entered the reserve four for the Visitors. This year it was decided to enter the eight for the Ladies Plate as usual but with the stern four contesting the coxless four event. Splitting a crew in this way is a delicate operation, demanding a degree of sensitivity on all sides. Tensions certainly emerged, especially during the period of the examinations, but in the main they were controlled.

The eight had progressed far better than had been thought possible at the beginning of the summer. The loss of two members of the U.A.U. crew was made good by the inclusion of Steve Maddalena, an experienced but light man, and Paul Glover, totally without racing knowledge who had learned his rowing at Durham. What the eight lacked compared with the 1977 crew was weight and this told at Henley. After a good win over Reading, the crew faced T.C. Hartford from America, a crew almost half a stone a man heavier. The crew raced very well, the lead changing hands twice. But D.U.B.C.'s canvas lead at Fawley was not enough against the stronger American crew into a strong headwind. Over the last 500 metres Trinity pulled away to over a length but D.U.B.C. had done itself proud.

The four had done as much training as possible on the Wear in the coxless boat and in the coxed boat had revealed a fair turn of speed. It was at first sight an ugly crew but, once it had realised that rowing is not meant to be a comfortable exercise, it began to improve. Its main problem was lack of racing in a coxless boat and the consequent lack of steering experience. It gained some encouragement by winning Elite Coxless Fours at the Groningen Centenary Regatta in Holland and it was there that it was discovered that it went straightest when steered by Chris Shawcross at stroke.

D.U.B.C AT HENLEY Cont'd...

Rumour at Henley had it that the four had done the fastest time in the eliminating races and in the first round against St. Thomas's Hospital the crew recorded the fastest time of the day in both the Visitors and the Wyfolds. The second round against Reading was a disappointment since Reading's poor steering led to their disqualification just after the end of the Island when the crews were level. Since luck had not been conspicuously on D.U.B.C's side all season, the crew felt that at least they could show some fatalism when it went the other way.

The semi-final against Fitzwilliam proved a fairly easy win though once again it was a fast time, 22 seconds quicker than that of University College and Hospital in the other semi-final. But there was little account taken of this since U.C. & H. have proved over the last couple of years stubborn and clever opponents. The needle was increased by the fact that U.C. & H. had, at the Tideway Head, been deprived of the U.A.U. title which was given to D.U.B.C.

The final proved to be a good race. Both crews steered straight and the umpire was freed of agonising warning signals. Although (and this was out of character) the commentator had U.C. & H. in the lead at the first signal, D.U.B.C. were in fact never led. But to the mile post that lead was never more than two-thirds of a length and only a sustained spurt at that point gave the crew clear water. The victory was gained in a time that suggested D.U.B.C. was one of the fastest coxless fours at the Regatta in any event. The time was only three seconds slower than that of Trakia Club, Bulgaria, in their row-over for the Stewards and seven seconds faster than Molesey's time in winning the Wyfolds (the Molesey crew including at bow the former D.U.B.C. oarsman, David Gattey).

What was encouraging was the vast amount of goodwill that the win invoked. Clearly a large number of people were delighted and the old palatinates in particular were beside themselves. As one of them remarked there were a large number of ghosts rowing with the four men in the boat. It was a good way to end the season.

Results -

Ladies Plate D.U.B.C. beat Reading University by one length, 7.12; D.U.B.C. lost to T.C. Hartford by one and three-quarter lengths, 6.55.

Visitors Challenge Cup D.U.B.C. beat St. Thomas's Hospital easily, 7.24; D.U.B.C. beat Reading University - Disqualified; D.U.B.C. beat Fitzwilliam, Cambridge by 4 lengths 7.36; D.U.B.C. beat U.C. & H. by 1 1/3 lengths, 7.29.

Visitors Four - P.J. McManners (Bow), T.M. Durie, P.E.Scott, C.A. Shawcross (Stroke and Steers).

It is commonplace to say that the game of cricket is a great leveller. At one moment a promising player like Ian Botham can score a century for England and in the next match he gets a duck for Somerset. D.U.B.C. feels a little like Botham at the moment in that having won its first Henley medal, it suddenly finds that it has been deprived at the last moment of gaining its first resident international. David Hosking had proved himself constantly one of the best lightweight scullers in the country and had done well at the trials and at Mannheim Regatta. He crowned his achievements by winning the lightweight sculls in the National Championships and in the process knocked 8 seconds off the record. But a week earlier at Lucerne he had failed on both days to qualify for the final and presumably for that reason he was not selected for the British team. Perhaps, too, there is another reason. As a naval officer, this must be his last season of competitive rowing and the selectors may well have felt that his potential was obviously a limited one. But it was a pity. Sic transit gloria.....

WANSBECK REGATTA - 25TH JUNE 1978

Once more Cambois ARC promoted Wansbeck Regatta in the ideal surroundings of Wansbeck Riverside Park. Again the event formed part of a complete weekend of water based sports organised by the Council's Leisure and Publicity Department. A total entry of 45 was received to contest a full range of events and at the end of the day the results were nominated by River Wear based crews in the form of Durham ARC, Durham School and St. Leonards and it was only in the sculling events that this Wear stranglehold was broken.

Winners as follows:-

Elite Eights	-	Durham ARC
Elite Fours	-	Durham ARC
Senior B Fours	-	St. Leonards School
Senior C Fours	-	Durham ARC
Novice Fours	-	Durham School BC
Elite Pairs	-	Durham ARC
Elite Sculls	-	Blyth RC (Pearson)
Senior B Sculls	-	Tyne ARC (Tyler)
Senior C Sculls	-	Durham ARC (Cartwright).
Novice Sculls	-	Cambois ARC (Matthews)

All races were rowed over 800 metres.

TALKIN TARN REGATTA - SATURDAY, 1ST JULY 1978

While other regattas this season have suffered from much lower entries than in the past, Talkin Tarn once more provided a "ton-up" performance by attracting 107 entries. As usual competitors came from all over the North East and North West of England and south of Scotland to take part in a regatta at which weather conditions varied and indeed at the end of the day became quite rough particularly in the middle of the Tarn. This years event saw father and son Shepherd of Durham ARC appearing together in the same boat in Elite Pairs - Losing in the first round to Berwick, the eventual winners. In Veteran Sculls, Bill Parker past winner was defeated in the final by Woodcock of Runcorn - the loser strongly denying that being kicked by a horse whilst on holiday in Ireland had affected his performance! All events were well supported in particular, Elite Eights (6) Elite Fours (7) and Senior C Sculls with no less than 18 competitors.

Winners were as follows:-

Elite Eights	-	Durham ARC
Elite Fours	-	Clyde/Loch Lomond ARC
Senior A Fours	-	Durham ARC
Senior C Fours	-	Runcorn RC
Novice Fours	-	Hexham BC
Junior Under 16 A Fours	-	Durham School
Junior Under 14 A Fours	-	Talkin Tarn
Elite Pairs	-	Berwick ARC
Elite Sculls	-	Berwick ARC (Thompson)
Senior A Sculls	-	Castle Semple RC (Holmes)
Senior C Sculls	-	Tyne ARC (Ferguson)
Novice Sculls	-	Tees RC (Feltoe)
Veteran A Sculls	-	Runcorn RC (Woodcock)

All races rowed over the 800 metre course.

TWEED REGATTA - SATURDAY, 8TH JULY 1978

Any worries which Berwick Amateur Rowing Club the promoters of this regatta may have had about being allocated a date so late in the season were dispelled when 58 entries were received. This is one regatta which two of the Durham Colleges - Graduate Society and St. Hild/St. Bede regularly support and once more their efforts were worthwhile with a Graduate Society/Durham ARC composite winning Novice Fours and St. Hild and St. Bede College Boat Club winning Senior B Fours. Tony Anderson scored again for Hexham while Fraser Thompson of Berwick continued his dominance of Elite sculling in the North East. A special event was put on comprising races over a 400 metre course for Under 15 Fours. Eight crews turned up from Durham School and the intention of the event was to give some of the younger boys some racing experience. An enormous entry of 17 was received for Novice Sculls which was won by D. Carruthers of Talkin Tarn (son of Club stalwart Eddie).

Winners as follows:-

Elite Fours	-	Berwick ARC/Durham ARC
Senior B Fours	-	St. Hild and St. Bede College BC
Senior C Fours	-	Durham ARC
Novice Fours	-	Graduate Society/Durham ARC
Elite Sculls	-	Berwick ARC (Thompson)
Senior C Sculls	-	Hexham BC (Anderson)
Novice Sculls	-	Talkin Tarn ARC (Carruthers)
Colts Fours	-	Durham School BC
Elite Pairs	-	Cambois ARC

All races over a 950 metre course.

STOCKTON REGATTA - SATURDAY AUGUST 5TH 1978

August saw the revival of Stockton Regatta on the River Tees - the first time since 1939 that the regatta has been held on this stretch of the river. The event in the opinion of its joint sponsors - Stockton Borough Council, The North Eastern Evening Gazette and Tees Rowing Club was a resounding success an opinion which seems to be shared by those who took part.

The total number of entries received was 56 with a strong entry from the host Club, Tees. Entries were received from as far away as Berwick, Liverpool and Molesey to contest the 14 events being offered which not only included senior races but also two events for Junior Under 16 competitors and two womens events.

The cost of running the Regatta was entirely underwritten by the principal sponsors Stockton Borough Council and the Evening Gazette and all 14 events were also sponsored by local commercial organisations. In addition to direct financial assistance the Local Authority also provided a splendid commentary tower with adjacent V.I.P. grandstand seating, floating landing stages, changing and refreshment marquees together with all publicity, material including posters and regatta programmes. The organisation expertise was provided by Tees Rowing Club itself whose members rallied round splendidly to assist with the smooth running of the regatta. Mens events were held over a 1250 metre course and womens and junior events over an 800 metre course.

Many times in recent years consideration has been given to establishing a regatta on one of the former courses on the River Tees. The problem has always been the same - that of suitable access for launching large numbers of valuable racing craft in a short period of time. The problem was largely solved by the construction of the slipway on Corporation Quay in 1975 and this, together with the addition of the temporary floating landing stages has made the revival of competitive rowing at Stockton, possible. The finish of the regatta course is within a stones throw away of the High Street at the centre of Stockton-on-Tees itself and the organisers were delighted with the size of the crowd who turned up during the afternoon to watch the racing. It is estimated that at one point there were 2,000 in the enclosures. cont'd...

STOCKTON REGATTA Cont'd..

Improvements are of course possible but the event was regarded as being successful enough to warrant plans being started for it to be repeated in 1979.

Winners were as follows:-

Elite B Eights	-	Tees RC/Berwick ARC
Elite Coxed Fours	-	Berwick ARC
Senior A Coxed Fours		Liverpool Victoria RC
Senior B Coxed Fours		Tees RC
Senior C Coxed Fours		Graduate Society BC/Durham ARC
Novice Coxed Fours	-	Tees RC
Junior Under 16 Coxed Fours		Tees RC
Elite Sculls	-	Nottingham Boat Club (Vincent)
Senior B Sculls	-	York City RC (Muller)
Senior C Sculls	-	York City RC (Noble)
Novice Sculls	-	Nottingham Boat Club (Outhbert)
Junior Under 16 Sculls		Hexham BC (White)
Womens Elite B Coxed Fours		York City RC
Womens Senior C Coxed Fours		Liverpool Victoria RC

SOUTH HYLTON LONG DISTANCE SCULLS - 14TH OCTOBER 1978

The first sculling head of the North East season attracted a total of 16 entries all from Division I with the exception of Mike Smyth of Trafford RC - a former South Hylton member. Conditions at the boathouse area were quite cool with a chilly wind but once competitors got round the corner and well up towards the starting area, several competitors wished they hadn't put on so many vests! Fraser Thompson of Berwick continued where he had left off last year winning convincingly from Ian Boyd of Tyne who was in second place. Arthur Wood of Cambois giving the Club's carbocraft sculling boat its first outing won the Senior A Pennant and had a much happier day than his experience at the 1977 event! Geoff Appleby of Tyne was a clear winner of the Veteran Pennant while Garth Rookes of Tees RC had over 12 seconds in hand over Clubmate, Colin Feltoe to take the Senior C Pennant. The Novice Pennant was won by Geoff Wheeler of Tyne.

Official Results as follows:-

Fine Boat Division

1. F. Thompson	Berwick ARC	SB	18-7.6	Head P.
2. I. Boyd	Tyne ARC	E	18-48.0	
3. A.A. Wood	Cambois	SB	18-58.1	SAP
4. G. Appleby	Tyne ARC	SC(V)	19-02.00	VP
5. D. Ferguson	Tyne ARC	SC	19-06.9	
6. R.I. Yarrow	Cambois ARC	SB	19-29.1	
7. J.C. Kenyon	Tees RC	SA(V)	19-42.1	
8. J. Spain	Durham Sch BC	N	20-03.9	
9. P. Robinson	Tyne ARC	N(V)	20-10.1	
10. R.M. Smyth	Trafford RC	N(V)	20-29.0	

Restricted Division

1. G. Rookes	Tees RC	SC	20-12.8	SCP
2. C. Feltoe	Tees RC	SC	20-25.1	
3. G. Wheeler	Tyne ARC	N	21-7.7	NP
4. R. White	Tyne ARC	N	21-27.02	
5. G. Jones	South Hylton ARC	N	22-34.02	
6. J. Spence	South Hylton ARC	N	25-35.6	

TEES LONG DISTANCE SCULLS - 21ST OCTOBER 1978

A disappointing entry this year of only 13 scullers of whom 5 were from the host Club. It is difficult to understand the reluctance of Clubs to support this event on a regular basis - this particular stretch of the Tees must be one of the finest racing stretches of its type in the North of England - a view which seems to be shared by the regular annual visitors. Perhaps a little more forceful promotion by the organisers would help. Fraser Thompson of Berwick repeated his previous weeks win with a comfortable margin over Arthur Wood of Cambois who took the Senior B Pennant. Once more Geoff Appleby took the Veteran Pennant but by a margin of only 1.2 seconds ahead of Chris Kenyon who made the most of his local knowledge. Garth Rookes of Tees won the Senior C Division by a mere 0.4 of a second over Duncan Ferguson of Tyne with Geoff Wheeler of Tyne winning his second Novice Pennant. Worthy of note is the performance of Gary Bettinson of Tees RC who although entered the Novice Division is in fact a J16 Sculler and who really is better known as a cox. The race was rowed in good conditions on a flood tide which was strong enough to amply demonstrate that sculling had to be brains as well as brawn. The race was rowed from the Power Station up to the end of the Stockton Regatta course a distance of approximately 3½ miles.

Full results as follows:-

Fine Boat Division

1. F. Thompson	Berwick ARC	SB	19.45	Head P
2. A.A.Wood	Cambois ARC	SB	20.21.6	SBP
3. R.I. Yarrow	Cambois ARC	SB	21.28.2	
4. G.Appleby	Tyne ARC	V	21.35.6	VP
5. J.C.Kenyon	Tees RC	V	21.36.8	
6. P.Robinson	Tyne ARC	V	22.10.1	

Restricted Division

1. G. Rookes	Tees RC	SC	21-55.1	SCP
2. D. Ferguson	Tyne ARC	SC	21-55.5	
3. C.Feltoe	Tees RC	SC	22-33.6	
4. G.Wheeler	Tyne ARC	N	23-21.8	NP
5. S.Ward	Tees RC	N	23-33.1	
6. R.White	Tyne ARC	N	23-33.2	
7. G.Bettinson	Tees RC	N(J)	25-17.7	

TYNE LONG DISTANCE SCULLING RACE - SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 1978

Perhaps a slightly smaller entry than the organisers had hoped for but nevertheless many of the old faithfuls appeared together with one or two new faces. Up to the last minute it looked as though George Parsonage would lose his proud record of having competed in all the Tyne Long Distance Sculling races but due to the fact that this years event was sculled from Newburn to Scotswood, he was, despite his last minute arrival able to take up his position in time. A fine performance by Arthur Wood of Cambois earned him yet another Senior B Pennant behind overall winner Fraser Thompson of Berwick. George Parsonage of Clydesdale took the runners up Pennant. Geoff Appleby of Tyne although a veteran in fact entered in the Senior C Division and having recorded the fastest time therein duly collected his pennant leaving the Veteran Pennant open to Chris Kenyon of Tees who derived no pleasure from being informed that this was the lowest down the results list that the Veteran Pennant had ever been won! Sadly there was only one entry in the Womens Division - Angela Dobson of Selset who whilst she could quite easily have collected her pennant by merely going from one end of the course to the other, decided to race a few of the men and at the end of the day found 5 of them behind her! cont/d..

TYNE Cont/d...

A disappointing feature was that the Durham ARC team failed to materialise allowing a clean sweep by the two Tyne teams in the team competition. Apparently the reason for the race being from Newburn to Scotswood as opposed to the other way around (the more usual course) was to prevent undue delays in scullers arriving at the start. There appeared to be a school of opinion afterwards who felt that this legislated rather unkindly against those scullers who manage to get themselves to the start at Scotswood on time and who rely on the good steady long paddle to Scotswood to get properly warmed up. Any comments Mr. Long Distance Sculling Race Secretary?

Full results as follows:-

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1.	F.Thompson (Berwick)	Ture Hillerstrom Cup & P	16.43.6
2.	A.Wood (Cambois)	SBP	17.24.4
3.	G.G. Parsonage (Clydesdale)	E Runner-up P	17.27.6
4.	N.N. Totman (Tyne)	SA	17.35.8
5.	J.A. Beveridge (Tyne)	SA	17.49.4
6.	G.Appleby (Tyne)	SCP	18.00.4
7.	P.M. Jones (York City)	SC	18-02.2
8.)	I.L. Boyd (Tyne)	E	18.10.8
	A.Anderson (Hexham)	SC	
10.	M.Banks (Hollingworth Lane)	SC	18.12.6
11.	R.Yarrow (Blyth)	SB	18.21.8
12.	J.Spain (Durham School)	SC	18.35.6
R13.	D.Ferguson (Tyne)	SCRstP	18.36.2
R14.	J.R.K. Ringer (Norwich)	NP	18.45.4
15.	M.Forrester (St.Mungo's Academy)	JP	18.45.8
16.	J.C.Kenyon (Tees)	VP	18.51.0
17.	P.E.Robinson (Tyne)	SC (V)	18.53.0
18.	G.Wheeler (Tyne)	J	19.18.8
19.	J.R. Appleby (Durham)	SC	19.27.6
R20.	C.Feltoe (Tees)	SC	19.30.2
R21.	J.Walton (Selset)	N	19.40.2
22.	M.A.C.Hole (Durham)	SC(V)	19.54.2
23.	A.Dobson (Selset)	W WP	20.10.6
R24.	R.White (Tyne)	N	20.13.2
R25.	J.Wylie (Hexham)	N(J)	20.24.2.
R26.	R.Tarry (Tyne)	N	20.58.0
R27.	C.Lamb (Tyne)	N	21.00.8
R28.	P.Gilbertson (Durham)	N	21.34.8

RUTHERFORD HEAD RACE FOR COXED FOURS - SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 1978

Promoted once more by Tyne Amateur Rowing Club, the Rutherford Head this year attracted a surprisingly large entry particularly bearing in mind the arctic conditions which had been prevailing for the previous few days. Crews had in fact been expected from as far apart as Edinburgh and Nottingham and the irony was that it was the Edinburgh crews who arrived and the Nottingham crews that didn't. Assuming that it was travelling difficulties which prevented crews from the Midlands appearing, one can only sympathise with them as travelling conditions were almost as bad as rowing conditions! Fortunately for the competitors the wind shifted round to the south east which with a flood tide and a course from Scotswood to Newburn at least made the conditions reasonably flat, although it was bitterly cold. Durham University retained their headship in the Shell Division whilst in the Restricted Division, Newcastle University had a fairly comfortable margin over Tees RC. In the Novice Restricted Division, Durham ARC had an even more convincing margin over Teesside Polytechnic, who in turn were only just ahead of two of the Tyne crews. In view of the very small Novice entries during the summer it was pleasing to see 11 Novice crews taking part in a winter Head Race - it can only be hoped that these crews will continue to train and will be racing in regattas next year. Unfortunately, two of

RUTHERFORD HEAD cont'd

the Womens entries did not appear leaving that division to be contested between St. Hild and St. Bede BC, Tees RC and Edinburgh University. The Durham College crew finished with a margin of 15 seconds over Tees but all these crews must have derived some satisfaction from beating some of the mens crews! The race was raced on the three mile Scotswood to Newburn course.

Full Results as follows:-

Shell Division

1. Durham UBC	15-37.8
2. Newcastle UBC	15-45.8
3. Durham UBC	16-08.7
4. Tees RC	16-18.8
5. Edinburgh UBC II	16.23.8
6. Edinburgh UBC I	16.30.4
7. Newcastle UBC III	16.34.7
8. Durham UBC V	16-57.9
9. Durham UBC III	17-00.7
10. Tyne I	17-02.5
11. Durham ARC II	17-04.4
12. Durham ARC I	17-05.4
13. Durham ARC III	17-07.3
14. Durham UBC IV	17-24.5
15. Hatfield Coll. BC I	17-27.1
16. Hexham BC	17-43.2
17. Tees II	18-26.2
18. R.G.S. I	18-55.4

Restricted Division

1. Newcastle UBC III	16-56.00
2. Tees III	17-06.8
3. Durham ARC V	17-25.4
4. Ediburgh UBC III	17-47.5
5. Tynemouth	18-45.5
6. Selset II	20-03.4
7. Selset I	21.10.5

Novice Restricted Division

1. Durham ARC VI	18-08.0
2. Teesside Polytechnic	18-55.7
3. Tyne ARC III	19.00.7
4. Tyne ARC II	19-05.0
5. R.G.S. III	20-02.1
6. Hatfield College II	20-05.6
7. Tynemouth II	20-25.2
8. Tees RC IV	20-35.7
9. Tynemouth III	21-16.8
10. R.G.S.II	21-20.1
11. R.G.S.IV	22-56.2

Womens Division

1. St. Hild and St. Bede BC	20-35.8
2. Tees RC V	20-50.9
3. Edinburgh UBC IV	22-23.8

ARA DIVISION ONE LEAGUE TABLE 1978 FOR PAGE PENNANT - FINAL POSITIONS

(1977 Positions and Points in brackets)

1	(1)	Durham ARC	224	(307)
2	(2)	Durham UBC	158	(184)
3	(5)	Tyne ARC	128	(86)
4	(8)	Newcastle UBC	124	(76)
5	(3)	Tees RC	122	(114)
6	(13)	Cambois ARC	77	(26)
7	(6)	Durham School BC	70	(83)
8	(4)	Berwick ARC	63	(108)
9	(9)	St.Leonards School BC	47	(45)
10	(7)	St.Hild/St.Bede	32	(81)
11	(14)	Hexham BC	27	(23)
12	(24)	Graduate Society BC	20	(7)
13	(11)	Talkin Tarn ARC	12	(36)
14	(16)	Selset Oarsmen	11	(20)
15=	(10)	Chester-le-Street	10	(43)
15=	(17)	Grey College BC	10	(18)
17	(19)	Blyth RC	9	(16)
18=	(26)	University College BC	8	(4)
	(21)	Van Mildert BC	8	(9)
	(25)	Newcastle RGS	8	(5)
21	(15)	Hatfield College BC	7	(21)
22	(12)	Tynemouth RC	4	(31)
23	(22=)	Teesside Polytechnic RC	1	(8)
24=	(18)	South Hylton ARC	-	(17)
	(22=)	St.Chads BC	-	(8)
	(20)	St. Cuthberts Soc BC	-	(10)
	(-)	St.Johns College BC	-	(-)
	(27)	Newcastle Polytechnic BC	-	(1)

N.B Points only scored in open events raced at regattas in Division I.

As from the start of the current season i.e. beginning with the sculling heads a new system of scoring has been adopted. Points will now be awarded to all successful crews Junior, Senior and Veteran in Mens and Womens Events at 'open regattas'. Also a new scoring system has been devised - see details elsewhere in this edition.

1978 REGATTA CALENDAR

DATE	DIVISION ONE	OTHERS
March 10		Yorkshire Head
March 17	Tyne Head	Oxford - Cambridge Boat Race (1400)
March 18	Tyne Eights	
March 24		The Head of the River Race (1345)
April 21	Tynemouth	Yorkshire Veteran
April 28		Sheffield Runcom
May 5		York Spring
12	Wear	Derby
18		Nottingham City
19		Nottingham City. Bradford
20	Chester-le-Street	Nottingham City (inc Regional Junior Champs)
26	Stockton	Chester
June 2	Hexham	Lancaster
9	Tyne At Home	National Schools (HP) (6-9)
10	Tyne	
16	Durham	
17	Durham	
23	Cambois	York Summer
30	South Hylton	Nottm.Int(HP) Leeds.
July 7	Talkin Tarn	Henley (5-8 July)
14	Berwick	
21	Yarm (Formerly known as Tees)	Nat.Champs (HP -20/22 July)
Sept 2	Chester-le-Street Sprint	
8	Tyne Sprint	
16		Boston Marathon
22		FISA Veterans - (HP)
29		York Sprint
Oct 6	South Hylton L.D. Sculls	
20	Tees L.D. Sculls	
27	Wear Sc.Head.	
Nov 3	Tyne L.D. Sculls	
Dec 1	Rutherford Head.	

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

New Scoring System for ARA Division I - Page Pennant League Table

Readers who were present at the October Divisional meeting will no doubt recall that important changes were agreed in relation to points scoring for the Divisional League Table.

The League Table is a Division I Championship and is restricted to those Clubs located within Division I. The regatta season for the purposes of the League Table is deemed to run from the first Long Distance Sculling Head (usually late October early November) until the last regatta of the season prior to the first Long Distance Sculling Race. Up to and including 1978 season, points have only been able to be scored for the League Table by Men's crews competing in open events. In effect, points could only be scored in Men's Senior races and consequently no credit was given for Clubs producing winning Junior, Womens or Veterans crews.

A unanimous vote at the October Divisional meeting decided that as from the 1979 season (November 1978 - end of October 1979) that points should be scored in all events at open regattas. It was further decided that no distinction in the number of points awarded should be made between the various classes of racing - i.e. a Womens Fours Win should score the same number of points as a Mens Fours win. In association with this decision a new and much more simplified scoring system has been devised which also embodies other radical changes.

In the past a composite crew has only scored points on the basis that the points are awarded to the composite as if it is a separate Club. (No points to the Clubs from which it is formed). In future where a composite crew is successful points will be awarded to the constituent Clubs in the crew in direct proportion to the Club Representation therein.

The distinction between restricted wins and shell boat wins has been abolished.

The basis of the new scoring table is that a winning oarsman is awarded 10 points. Therefore an Eights win is worth 80 points a Fours win worth 40 points etc.,

Another important change is that first round losers can still score points on the basis that they have entered but the points awarded will be limited to the minimum possible in such circumstances i.e. a crew losing in the first round which also happens to be the semi-final will of course only receive first round losers points and not semi-finalists points. Points in excess of first round points can only be scored by actually winning races.

In Head Races the number of scoring "positions" has been extended and the scoring system has been devised to be almost the equivalent of that of the system in knock-out races.

NEW POINTS SCORING SYSTEM (EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 1978)

Elimination Races

	Winner	Semi-finalists	Quarter f'lists	R1 Losers
Eight	80	40	20	8
Four	40	20	10	4
Pair	20	10	5	2
Scull	10	5	2	1

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NEW POINTS SCORING SYSTEM cont'd...

Processional Races

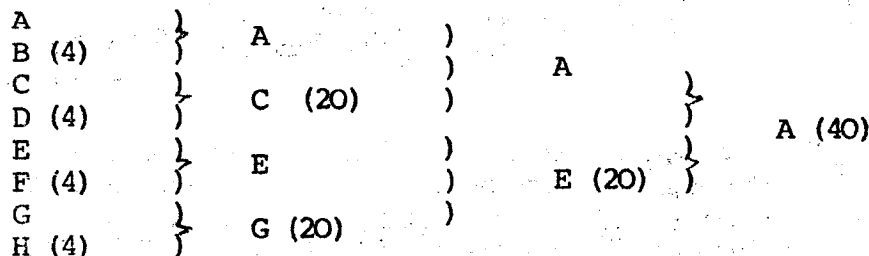
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Eight	80	60	50	40	30	20	10
Four	40	30	25	20	15	10	5
Pair	20	15	12	10	7	5	3
Scull	10	7	6	5	3	2	1

AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW SYSTEM IN OPERATION

Eight entries are received for a Coxed Fours race. In the first round 4 crews are eliminated and therefore score 4 points (the minimum applicable). The other 4 crews go through into the semi-final, two are defeated and receive 20 points. The two finalists race and the winner receives 40 points and the loser 20 points (the same as the other semi-finalists). The reason why the losing finalist scores the same number of points as the losing semi-finalists is that it is quite possible to win through to a two boat final and yet be the third fastest in the event.

Believe it or not, this system is considerably more simple than that which was previously used and the diagram below it is hoped, illustrates how the system works.

EXAMPLE OF POINTS SCORING IN A FOURS EVENT ROWED ON AN ELIMINATION BASIS WITH 8 ENTRIES



TO ALL CLUBS -

Please note - a number of changes in Club Secretaries are reported in this issue of North East Rowing News - please note these changes. If your Club has changed its Hon. Sec please notify the ARA and your Divisional Rep.

CLUB NEWS

CHANGE OF NAME FOR SELSET

For a number of reasons not least of which is to avoid being known as male chauvanist pigs, Selset Oarsmen have changed their name. The move not entirely due to pressure from sex discrimination groups is primarily because of the Clubs move "down the valley" from Selset Reservoir to Hury Reservoir. As from January 1979 the Club will be known as Hury Rowing Club - the change of name having been approved by ARA Council at the November meeting.

NEW HON. SEC FOR TYNEMOUTH RC

Tynemouth Rowing Club - no strangers to progressive thinking - recently appointed Helen Finlay their Honorary Secretary. Address for all correspondence with Tynemouth RC is now c/o Helen Finlay, 22 Creswell Close, West Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear. Tel. Whitley Bay 531772.

HEXHAM BOAT CLUB CENTENARY DINNER DANCE

Hexham Boat Club rounded off their centenary year celebrations by holding a most enjoyable Dinner Dance at the Royal Hotel, Hexham on the 18th November. The principal guest was Michael Walker, Chairman of ARA Executive Committee who proposed the toast to the Club and also present were representatives of many other Clubs in Division I. Appropriately for their centenary year, Hexham have enjoyed one of their most successful seasons, winning a total of 9 events - encouragingly four of them being in Junior status.

CHRIS GRABHAM RETURNS

Chris Grabham at present teaching in Canada and heavily involved with Calgary Schools rowing is to return to the U.K. after 8 years in Canada to take up a post as an English Master at Queen Elizabeth's High School, Hexham. The school Boat Club which started in a small way a few years ago is now looking forward to even greater success when Chris takes up his appointment in the New Year.

NEWS FROM TALKIN TARN

Talkin Tarn ARC who provide the sport of rowing in the Carlisle area on the ever popular Tarn near Brampton continued their re-equipping programme this year with the purchase and launching of three new boats. These included a new Shell Four and two restricted Sculls. The boats have been named Tarnmonath, Tindale and Geltsdale. The craft were built by Spartan Racing Boats and financial assistance was provided by Cumbria County Council and the Sports Council. At the Club's recent AGM Mike Dodd was re-appointed Club Captain with Ray Mark continuing as Club Secretary. Students of the Rowing Almanack should note that Ray has not moved house and his address is still 13, Well Lonning Close, Brampton, Cumbria. Tel. Brampton 2525.

NEW CAPTAIN FOR DURHAM ARC

A change has taken place in the Captaincy of Durham Amateur Rowing Club. At their recent AGM Geoff Graham, Captain for the previous 4 years retired and handed over to Shoura Pratchek. During Geoff's captaincy the Club achieved over 120 wins in regattas throughout the north of England and has become the leading Club in Division I. Shoura has been Vice Captain for the past 2 years and is now faced with the awesome responsibility of following on from this success.

SPONSORED TRACK SUITS FOR TEES ROWING CLUB

Tees Rowing Club are now the proud owners of 30 Club pattern track suits on which the Club's name is embroidered on the back and the sponsor's logo discreetly displayed (within ARA Code of Advertising limits of course) on the front. The track suits were sponsored by the Peckston Group Ltd., - a large local Company specialising in shipbroking

SPONSORED TRACK SUITS FOR TEES ROWING CLUB Cont'd...

and other commercial activities associated with cargo handling based particularly on the River Tees. The sponsorship tie-up therefore provides an ideal link between a river based commercial organisation and a river based amateur sporting body. The track suits were officially handed over to the Club by Alan Rayden the Peckston Group Personnel Officer during a break in proceedings at a fund-raising Club Disco appropriately held on the Bonaventure Floating Restaurant at Stockton-on-Tees.

NEW HON. SEC FOR TEES ROWING CLUB

Please Note: New Hon. Sec for Tees Rowing Club is now Chris Kenyon and all correspondence should be addressed to him at this address:- 49 Dinsdale Drive, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland. Tel. Home Eaglescliffe 786683 - or Chris can be contacted at his office - Middlesbrough. 243253.

DURHAM SCHOOL BOAT CLUB AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1978

In contrast to a season when, on the whole the Senior Section of the Club did not fulfill the predictions made of it, the closing stages produced a great deal of satisfaction. It has been known for some time that Paul Rutter and Anthony Rosser have been considering a bid for National selection in 1979 in a coxed pair and the regatta gave them their first real chance to sink their teeth into some flesh from other Divisions. That they were deprived of it was, I admit, my fault.

In their first round at 4pm on the Friday they made a poor start and left themselves with nearly a length to catch up on the rest of the field, but by 1000 metres they were lying 4th and finishing 3rd, they earned their place in the repechage.

At 4.45pm they returned to camp to prepare themselves for the next days racing with milk, lemonade, buns and apples. What nobody expected was that in a three day regatta they were supposed to be boating again at 5.30. At 5.40 they were asked by the DARC boys what they thought they were doing lying around in camp putting away, milk, lemonade and apples when they were supposed to be racing in 20 minutes time....

They got off to a good start and established a lead at 250 metres, but as the milk, the lemonade, the buns and the apples and the lack of mental preparation and the full pressure firm up to the start announced themselves, they faded and lost their chance of rowing in the final. Nevertheless, they had caught up over 10 of the 25 seconds which was the St. Edwards advantage over them at the National Schools and so they are on schedule with their improvement even in a bad row.

During the latter part of the season a Junior Colts crew which had selected itself the previous year, was making excellent progress. Because they worked hard on the water it was a fairly simple and very satisfactory matter to coach them and soon they were making an impression on the local Colts rowing scene in the same way as their rivals - St. Leonards had done the year before. They undertook the training and duly presented themselves at the start of the Junior 16 Fours.

The master in charge was pleasantly surprised to see them not last at 250 metres, content with the experiment to see them lying third to Great Marlow and Eton at 500 metres and bewildered to see them overhaul Eton and come second. In the repechage the same pattern was unfolding with the School moving into second place to St. Leonards who were a length and a half up and busy breaking the course record for Junior 16 Fours. However, the water was getting rougher and their relative inexperience lead to difficulty in recovering from a shipwreck and they came last in a blanket finish.

M.A.C. HOLE.

WANSBECK SCULLERS HEAD

Following the success of sprint racing on the river Wansbeck, Cambois ARC this year introduced a Scullers Head in November. 11 entries were received - 10 in Shell boats, and a solitary restricted boat entry. Once more Fraser Thompson and Arthur Wood dominated the proceedings with Duncan Ferguson of Tyne perhaps providing the surprise of the day by finishing in a noteworthy third place.

Results as follows:-

1.	F. Thompson	Berwick ARC	13-58.00
2.	A. Wood	Cambois ARC	14-40-08
3.	D.Ferguson	Tyne ARC SCP	14-55-08
4.	G. Appleby	Tyne ARC VP	15-19.08
5.	P. Scholick	Cambois ARC	15-22.00
6.	R.I.Yarrow	Cambois ARC	15-38.00
7.	J.Spain	Durham Sch BC	16-05.02
8.	J. Matthews	Cambois ARC	16-17.04
9.	P.Robinson	Tyne ARC	16-21.08
R10.	R. White	Tyne ARC	17-38.02
W11	A. Dobson	Selset	17-46.06

R = Restricted boat.

W = Lady sculling person.

DIVISION ONE LEAGUE TABLE FOR PAGE PENNANT - 1979

(Under new scoring system)

Current Positions and Points.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Tyne ARC	137
2	Tees RC	127
3	Newcastle UBC	75
4 =	Durham UBC	65
	Durham ARC	65
6 =	Berwick ARC	40
	Cambois ARC	40
	St. Hild/St.Bede BC	40
9 =	Selset (Hury RC)	30
	Teesside Polytechnic RC	30
11	Tynemouth RC	20
12	RGS Newcastle	15
13	Hatfield College BC	10
14	South Hylton ARC	5
15	Hexham BC	2
16	Durham Sch. BC	1

EVENTS COUNTED : South Hylton LDSc. Tees LDSc.Tyne LDSc.
Wansbeck LDSc. Rutherford Head.

ALSO TO BE ADDED: but results not yet sent - Wear LDSc.

ARA DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

The following notes bring up to date my report following the October Divisional Meeting at Durham.

1. AFFILIATION FEES SLIDING SCALE

Clubs are reminded that their affiliation fees to The Amateur Rowing Association fall due on the 1st January and are payable in accordance with the sliding scale. ARA Headquarters have recently circulated copies of the appropriate form of return for completion by all Clubs together with a copy of the revised sliding scale. Subscriptions have been increased by approximately 8%. Clubs are further reminded that affiliation fees must be paid by the end of February or they risk removal from the list of affiliated Clubs. If any Club has difficulty in assessing the amount which they should pay, please contact me.

2. THE STATE EXPRESS CHALLENGE

State Express - (cigarettes) recently challenged a number of sports to reach certain standards in return for which they would receive financial aid. Shortly before the World Rowing Championships in New Zealand, such a challenge was made to the Amateur Rowing Association and as a result of the British Team success in New Zealand, the Association is to receive a much needed £12,000 cash injection from this source. It is likely that part of this money will be used to start off a rowing proficiency scheme (badges etc., being awarded to schoolchildren in return for reaching a prescribed standard of rowing and sculling).

3. ADVERTISING CODE OF PRACTICE -

Clubs should please note that a further provision has been added to the ARA Advisory Code of Advertising Practice. Under this new provision Clubs are requested not to display advertising slogans on the sides of their boats.

4. INTERNATIONAL VETERANS MEETING

This well established rowing event will be hosted by Great Britain this year during September at Holme Pierrepont.

5. APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL NATIONAL COACH

As most rowing people will be aware, Penny Chuter has been appointed principal National Coach. Richard Wait will now be responsible for the Junior Squad and in view of these national duties, Richard will not be able to devote as much time to the North East as in the past. The positions of two regionally based coaches are now vacant and strenuous efforts are being made by the Association Officers to fill these positions.

6. NEWCASTLE POLYTECHNIC

Council were recently pleased to receive an application for re-affiliation by Newcastle Polytechnic Boat Club and this was duly accepted.

7. CHANGE OF NAME

The proposed change of name by Selset Oarsmen to Hury Rowing Club together with their proposed change of vest colour from Chocolate and Cream to Navy Blue was placed before Council at the November meeting and passed subject to Executive Committee ratification.

8. CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

A number of changes have recently been made to the Constitution of the Amateur Rowing Association. The majority of these changes relate to specific detail and to administrative matters although a number of other items have been clarified, in particular the Rules relating to Amateur status.

J.C.KENYON. ARA Divisional Representative.

DURHAM SCHOOL'S REGATTA

The Durham School's Regatta is to be held on March 17th - the same day as Tyne Head. It is intended for crews which would not normally be entered for open events at:

J18B)
J16B) all in IVs
J15B)

Please indicate before half-term next term if you are able to participate (or even if you are not).

Entries should be putative by the York Head, March 3rd and finalised by March 11th.

This regatta is primarily intended for crews which have never raced at any open regatta in their own class and have never won any events open or closed or contain any such individuals. However, crews who have so raced will not be disqualified but will not be expected to win! It is hard to form crews of this kind on any permanent basis and such crews should, if well practised be placed on the circuit at The Tyne Head. Obviously, there must be some leeway but if coaches are open about it when placing entries, there should be no cause for grievance.

It is a regatta for inexperienced carsmen to enjoy.

Full details from: Clive Hole, c/o Durham School, Durham. DH1 4SZ.
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