

## READING HEAD RACE

With Henley Fours and Eights Head being cancelled due to weather conditions, it's been a long time since BUBC were last loading up the trailer ready for a race day. Reading Head Race provided a much needed opportunity for crews to see where they are at against other crews following the last 2 months of training. With our fresher men taking the decision to utilise the weekend with double training sessions in preparation for Kingston Head and HORR, it was left to the women and the senior men to represent Bournemouth.

### Women's 1<sup>st</sup> VIII

1. Amy White
  2. Beth Dyer
  3. Kayleigh Bulloch
  4. Gaby Rowsell
  5. Emma Burton
  6. Annabel Laity
  7. Jessica Chatfield
  8. Betty Glover
- Cox. Jodie Norton

Following several weeks of ergo testing and seat racing, Reading provided a good chance for this crew to get some race experience ahead of Women's Head next weekend. Freshers Beth Dyer and Gaby Rowsell have excelled in recent weeks and proved their worth in the crew during this race, managing to keep up with the rate over a much longer distance than they have raced previously. With Jodie Norton abandoning her horse for the day to make a coxing comeback, the crew finished a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place in a tough IM3+ category. This is a better finish position than last year and sets the crew up for a good result on the Tideway next weekend.

### Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> VIII

1. Jess Pyne
  2. Charlotte Lewis
  3. Polly Humphries
  4. Jemma Frankland
  5. Jenni Rose
  6. Nienke Van Der Holst
  7. Abi Mackett
  8. Izzy Daone
- Cox. Laura Sutton

There is an exciting depth to the women's squad this year which has resulted in us being able to put out a second very competitive eight. These girls had some very positive training sessions in the lead up to Reading, combining the experience of some of the girls who started rowing last year with the new potential that our fresher girls have brought to the

squad. Despite racing up a division in IM3+, the girls performed very well, with stroke Izzy Daone commenting that it was the best they had ever rowed. Things are looking good for this crew to smash last year's second boats finishing position at WEHARR next weekend.

#### Men's 1<sup>st</sup> VIII

1. Liam Steele
  2. Alex Joseph
  3. Cameron Huck
  4. Alex Spooner
  5. George Bernard
  6. James Connold
  7. Will head in the boat Moreland
  8. Rich Mills
- Cox. Estelle Lhermitte

The men's squad have had a very strong start to the term, with a core group of 9 guys all fighting for a seat in the top boat. Unfortunately, with a couple of unavailable boys and a last minute injury from regular stroke man Tom Horsburgh, it was up to coach Will Moreland and retired rower Alex Spooner to step up into the boat. Racing up a category in IM2, the boys were expecting a tough time but stuck to their pre- race plan to row their own race in a relaxed manner. Going forward, it has given the boys a surge of motivation to train hard in preparation for Kingston and Head of the River in the coming weeks.



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