

TuksSport News

TuksRowing dominates USSA Boat Race 2012

After months of intensive preparation the time finally arrived for TuksRowing to put themselves to the test at the Mutual and Federal USSA Boat Race. Boat Race is an annual event that is held on the Kowie River in Port Alfred and Universities from across South Africa compete against each other for top position.

For the second year in a row TuksRowing sent four full crews (Men's A & B and Women's A & B), and for the first time sent Novice Rowers to compete in a composite crew with UJ and UKZN.

All crews race in heats to get into the finals which are based on the best times achieved in the heats. The Tuks B Men's crew affectionately known as the Beast Crew made it through to the third and fourth place final (B Finals) of the B Section. The crew comfortably took third place winning Bronze. The rest of the Tuks Crews made it through to the A finals which took place on Saturday 15 September 2012. TuksSport Director, Mr Kobus van der Walt, and the TuksSport Deputy Director, Dr Rendani Mulaudzi, attended the A finals in support of the Tuks Crews.

The Tuks B Women's Crew made it through to the first and second place final (A Final) of the B Section. They were up against Rhodes B, a historically strong crew, and in tough conditions finished second to take the Silver.

The Tuks A Women's Crew found themselves up against a strong Rhodes A crew in their A final. The women completed their race in fine style taking first place and the Gold with a time of 16:54.74, this is the

first time in the history of the Tuks Rowing Club that the Women have taken Gold in the A final of the A Section.

For the fourth year in a row the Tuks Men's A Crew arrived at Boat Race as the favourites to win the A Section A Final, and they did not disappoint. Up against UCT Tuks A Men powered to a 18:26.91 victory.

Tuks A Men – GOLD
 Tuks A Women – GOLD
 Tuks B Men – BRONZE
 Tuks B Women – SILVER
 Tuks Novice Composite – SILVER

Men's A Crew	Women's A Crew
Stroke: Lawrence Brittain	Stroke: Leighann Norton
7: John Smith	7: Kate Johnstone
6: Gareth Maybery (Captain)	6: Lee-Ann Persse
5: David Hunt	5: Amy Johnson
4: Mike Voerman	4: Imogen Mackie
3: Stuart Chamberlain	3: Megan Rosslyn-Smith (Captain)
2: Scott Donaldson	2: Krizia Giammartini
Bow: James Brittain	Bow: Lindsey Davis
Cox: Jason Hunter	Cox: Jason Hunter
Crew Manager: Coreen Walstra	Crew Manager: Coreen Walstra
Coach: James Thompson and Nick Panza	Coach: Coreen Walstra



USSA Boat race 2012 Port Alfred All Crews



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2012 USSA Student Cycling Championships

This year's edition of the national student cycling championship was hosted by the Cape Peninsula University of Technology in the vicinity of Wellington, Western Cape. The championship was contested in the format of a three day, 5 stage competition from the 4th to 6th July 2012.

Every year cycling teams from universities and other tertiary education institutions across the country come to take part in the championship, and this year was no exception with the University of Stellenbosch, University of Cape Town, University of the Free State, University of Pretoria, North West University, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Tshwane University of Technology among others all fielding strong teams.

The team from Tuks comprised: Henning Jooste, Willie Smit, Kevin Patten, Adriaan Dreyer, Lionel Moolman, Henro van Rooyen, Viehann du Plessis and Ruan Botes With manager: Wimpie Gouws

Stage 1 - 80km Road Race:

The men's team had a successful stage with Henning Jooste spending a large part of the stage in a break, which was eventually caught with about 8km to go, but soon after that Kevin Patten escaped the field with a rider from Maties in the last 3km. In the end Kevin managed to fend off the chasing group by a mere 2 seconds, winning the stage and taking the first Yellow jersey as leader

Stage 2 - 7km Individual Time Trial:

The Tuks men's team had very good results in the time trial, with Willie Smit and Kevin Patten posting the fastest times of the day. However, this stage was cancelled by the race director. Following a dispute that the times were not correct and that there were influences from official vehicles that influenced the race in a negative manner.

Stage 3 - 120km Road Race:

A small breakaway group of 4 riders, including 3 Tuks riders (Jooste, du Plessis and Van Rooyen), escaped the Peotone in the early parts of the

race. Jooste in the King of mountain jersey won 2 hotspots which led to him securing the Green jersey (Points/Sprinters jersey). The break was caught and a few attacks followed. Another break went clear with approximately 15km to go.

This group consisted of 3 riders (Charles Keey – CPUT, a rider from Maties and Adriaan Dreyer- Tuks). Keey secured the victory with 10 seconds over his 2 fellow breakaway companions.

Stage 4 – 1.5km Individual Hill Climb Time Trial:

The Hill climb was held on a cold and cloudy morning in Paarl on the road up to the Afrikaans Taal Monument. In the men's race Willie Smit and Kevin Patten showed their form once again and came 1st and 2nd respectively with Charles Keey in third position.

Stage 5: 45 Minute Criterium Race
The criterium was held over a flat and fast circuit inside the town of Wellington. Throughout the race team Tuks dominated the race once again and maintained a very high pace. Kevin Patten and Viehann du Plessis made the racing very hard on the front so that no riders could get away. Willie Smit once again won the stage with Tuks securing the team competition on this last stage by having 3 riders in the leading group.

TuksCycling team Achievements:

Stage 1:

1st Kevin Patten, 3rd Willie Smit

Stage 2 (voided by Race Director):

1st Willie Smit, 2nd Kevin Patten, 4th Viehann du Plessis

Stage 3:

3rd Adriaan Dreyer,

Stage 4:

1st Willie Smit, 2nd Kevin Patten

Stage 5:

1st Willie Smit

Overall General Classification

(Yellow Jersey):

3rd Willie Smit

Points Competition (Green Jersey):

1st Henning Jooste, 2nd Willie Smit

King of the Mountain (Red Jersey):

1st Willie Smit, 2nd Viehann du Plessis
3rd Henning Jooste

Team Competition:

1st Team Tuks

All in all a very successful tour for the small team from Tuks, with the team securing both the Green and King of the Mountain Jerseys as well as the Team Classification and Willie Smit finishing 3rd in the General Classification. Members of the team also won 3 of the 4 eligible stages. (The time trial stage having been cancelled by the race director).

