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MEN'S ROWING RECAP

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*Second-ranked men to face top-ranked Washington in showdown Sunday

Stanford Men And Lightweight Boats Victorious At Windermere Classic

Redwood Shores, Calif. – Stanford's No. 2 varsity men and lightweight women rowing teams each won both of the events the teams competed in during dual format racing Saturday at the Windermere Real Estate Rowing Classic hosted by Stanford. Stanford's seventh-ranked women squad lost races to No. 15 Tennessee and No. 16 Notre Dame. A total of 24 teams from across the nation competed in 58 races on the first day of the two-day event that concludes Sunday with an additional 30 races.

"The racing today was outstanding for all college crews involved," stated Stanford director of rowing and men's head coach Craig Amerkhanian. "We're very fortunate to have Windermere Real Estate of Northern California and their continued commitment to college athletics. They are an incredible event partner."

The first Stanford victory of the day was courtesy of Amerkhanian's men's varsity eight, currently ranked second in the nation. The lineup of Nate Rooks, Donny Simkin, Kevin Baum, Mark Murphy, Silas Stafford, Ottavio Siani, Dave Creighton, Alex Osborne and coxswain Ariel Dixon defeated No. 20 George Washington with a time of 6:12.72. George Washington posted a time of 6:21.35.

Stanford's afternoon race against No. 8 Wisconsin in blustery conditions came down to the final five strokes. The Badgers led the Cardinal through the 1000-meter mark by half a boat length. Stanford charged back and overtook Wisconsin in the sprint, winning by one-tenth of a second with a time of 6:08.29.

"Wisconsin is one of the hardest working athletic teams in America and any time you line up and race them it brings out your best," commented a proud Amerkhanian.

The two Stanford victories set up a Sunday showdown with No. 1 Washington, who defeated No. 11 Trinity and Wisconsin on Saturday. Sunday's showdown will take place at 11:08 am, PT.

The Stanford lightweights were victorious in both of their races against Loyola Marymount and Central Florida. Jessica Weigel, Meredith Coleman, Jenny Morawetz, Erin Conlon, Anne Stake, Alex Liptsey-Rahe, Jessica Bryant, Kate Hayes and Olivia Prevost made up the crew.

The lightweight squad will face No. 1 Princeton on Sunday at 11:32 am, PT.

"I think we've gotten better with each race this year and today the crew did an outstanding job channeling the conditions, staying focused, and putting in a good effort all the way to the finish," said Stanford head women's lightweight coach Al Acosta. "Our hands will be full tomorrow taking on the number one ranked team in the country, but we're looking forward to the opportunity to race them early in the season."

Contributors to the varsity women's effort versus Tennessee and Notre Dame included Kathy Altman, Sophie Aubrey, Kerry Birk, Jenifer Brown, Amelia Carr, Drusia Dickson, Di Eaton, Adrienne Fritsch, Bea Gordon, Alex Hasbach, Lauren Hofmayer, Melissa Hulme, Cassie Kull, Julia Liebner, Elle Logan, Stephanie Morrison, Katie O'Neil, Kerry Pigott, Jessica Reel, Eva Sheridan, Sarah Vick, Lena Wolfe and Carly York.

"Both Tennessee and Notre Dame were very aggressive in all three varsity events, and showed us that we are going to have to raise our game," said Stanford head women's coach Yasmin Farooq. "We've got one more race against Louisville on Sunday, and we're looking forward to using this final race to further improve our strategy as we build toward the Pac-10 Championships."

The Windermere Real Estate Rowing Classic is one of the premier collegiate rowing events in the nation, drawing top crews from throughout the United States in Henley style racing, a one-on-one or two-boat race used for competition at the famous Henley Royal Regatta in Henley-on-Thames, England.

Sunday's collegiate races begin at 8:55 am, PT, and conclude at 12:30 pm, PT. The awards presentation will take place at 1:10 pm, PT.

For more information on the 2007 Windermere Real Estate Classic, go to event website at jamcotimes.com/2007/windermere.