



2008 ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Crews Converge On Natoma For NCAA Championships Over 600 Division I, II and III student-athletes will compete in the annual regatta on Lake Natoma

GOLD RIVER, Calif. – A congregation of over 600 student-athletes from Divisions I, II and III women's rowing teams will participate in the 2008 NCAA Rowing Championships on Lake Natoma in Gold River, Calif. Hosted by the University of California in conjunction with the Sacramento State Aquatic Center, racing will begin on Friday, May 30 and conclude Sunday, June 1 with the crowning of team champions from each division.

A total of 31 institutions are represented at these championships, including the defending team champion from each division. Brown won its sixth overall Division I title in 2007 by edging out Virginia at Melton Hill Lake in Knoxville, Tenn. Western Washington will have its sights set on a fourth consecutive Division II championship when racing begins; and three-time Division III champion Williams returns to a stacked Division III field.

Joining Brown in the Division I team championship are California, Harvard, Michigan State, Ohio State, Princeton, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, Washington State, Wisconsin and Yale. Clemson, Michigan, Stanford and USC were selected as the four at-large Division I eights that will participate in the championships

The Division II team championship will be up for grabs between Western Washington, Dowling, UC San Diego and Nova Southeastern. The four teams will be joined by at-large eights from Mercyhurst and Philadelphia.

Defending champion Williams received the automatic bid into the Division III championship and will face Bates, Ithaca, Puget Sound, St. Lawrence, Trinity (Conn.), and William Smith in defense of its title. At-large Division III eights were selected from Coast Guard and Washington (Md.).

Racing begins with preliminary heats at 8 a.m., Friday (May 30) and will involve a total of 37 races. Live splits and results (unofficial) will be provided by Jamco Times (www.jamcotimes.com) and a live webcast will be available at www.ncaa.com. Please check www.natoma08.com for links, updated results, recaps and heat sheets.

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