

Fall 1997 Results Summaries

The Club came away from its Fall regattas with resounding successes. The Head of the Schuylkill is the world's largest single-day regatta, and attracts crews from several countries and top university squads. The Head of the Occoquan is the mid-Atlantic's most important regional fall regatta. The Tribe came away with strong performances, often against fully-funded varsity-status opponents. In all, twelve different Tribe crews raced this Fall.

The Women's Varsity Heavyweight Eight finished a spectacular fourth at the Schuylkill, and second at the Occoquan. Returning all members from last year's successful Varsity Heavyweight Four (**Seniors Danielle Abate, Tara Eng, and Nancy Hiteshue, Junior Sarah Spink, and Sophomore coxswain Rika Drea**), with additional power from four members of last year's novice crew (**Sophomores Joann Atallah, Nora Clancey, Carla DiSalvo, and Katie Roche**), this crew is showing the potential to compete against national level programs in the coming spring campaign. It defeated all other club-status programs this Fall, and even some varsity ones, including upstate rival George Mason.

The Men's Varsity Heavyweight Eight finished 20th on the Schuylkill, third highest of crews from unfunded programs. It also finished well ahead of regional rival George Mason, and was within seconds of several crews it will face at the Dad Vail National Championships in May 1998. This was an especially encouraging result as the crew was less experienced than its opposition, containing only second year rowers (**Senior Steve Harmon, Juniors Josh Ehrenfield and coxswain Kelly Crouch, and sophomores Adam Ayers, Milan Chakraborty, Allen Dvarskas, Mike Fitzpatrick, Mo Kearney, and Dave Smith**). At the Head of the Occoquan, the crew, slightly reconfigured, finished fourth behind Potomac Boat Club, a crew formed of national team hopefuls.

Freshman results also gave the Tribe reason to cheer. Since most rowers learn to row after they get to college, the freshman program provides the development necessary to ensure continuity and increasing competitiveness in coming years. In Philadelphia, the Women's Freshman Four finished fourth and the Men's Freshman Four finished fifth. At the Occoquan, the Men's top two freshman eights finished third and fourth. The Women's First Freshman Eights opportunity for a high finish was spoiled by a massive crab, followed by a minor collision and a resulting penalty.

These results are easily the best ever for the Rowing Club. The Club became a seriously competitive program only recently, first with the women and then last year with the men's team. It has quickly become respected across the region as an important program. At 100 athletes, it is not only the largest intercollegiate sport at William and Mary, it is also one of the biggest programs outside New England. This Fall's racing gave the young squad valuable experience against some long-established and well-funded opponents, as well as against some non-collegiate crews training for the national teams of various countries, and all the crews came away encouraged and excited about the results.

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September 13th: Varsity Men's Lightweights and Women's Heavyweights travel to Hampton to take part in Hampton Bay Day. The rowing events were generously sponsored by Crestar Bank. Newly revitalized Old Dominion University put out a women's crew for this event this year, as well as a strong men's crew. Racing was over a 600 meter course, and all crews had only just returned to the water this week, so the rowing was anything but pretty. The Women's Varsity Heavies emerged victorious by a wide margin, while the Men's Varsity Lightweights narrowly nipped ODU's Heavies at the line. Kyle Stier, subbing into the men's crew, made for one oversized lightweight.

September 27th: Parents' Day at Kingspoint got overshadowed by a question-and-answer session conducted by College Chancellor Margaret Thatcher. Some parents obviously thought that she was more important than their sons and daughters and elected to see Thatcher instead of rowing. For those parents who chose to see Thatcher speak instead of coming down to the river, we hope you will stop by and introduce yourselves at one of our races. Down at the river today, however, we care about the students, and much fun was had by all who came. We enjoyed meeting the many parents who did venture down. Varsity crews put on a demonstration for the freshman parents. After the coaches introduced themselves and the program, and several spirited pleas for funds, two novice men's crews took to the water and learned how to feather and then try all eight for the first time. Keeping with tradition (now in its second

year), the two crews raced three times, each crew winning one race with the third race ending in a tie. The event was kindly sponsored by Manhattan Bagels on Richmond Road, which provided the food.

October 25th: William and Mary Rowing traveled to the Head of the Schuylkill regatta in Philadelphia, the world's largest single-day regatta. Competition was as expected, with many top collegiate crews represented - most from varsity-status programs, not to mention the odd national team entries from several countries. The highest finishes belonged to the Women's Varsity Heavyweight Eight (4th), Women's Freshman Four (4th), and Men's Freshman Four (5th). The five other crews also performed more than admirably. The women's eight beat all other unfunded programs, and the men's varsity finished behind only two crews from unfunded programs, with both varsity eights finishing well faster than the championship eights from upstate (and recently varsitied) rival George Mason. The crews imported a tradition from the larger programs by not profaning the usual racing shirts outside the Spring Season. This resulted in some creative alternatives: the men's varsity eight, for example, went Hawaiian. Kyle Stier made his debut in a single scull, which he promptly drove to his parents' home after the regatta and retired.

November 1st: The most successful Head of the Occoquan ever for the Tribe, with four crews earning medals. The Women's Varsity Heavyweight Eight overcame a monster crab to finish second in the Championship Eight division. The men's freshmen outdid last year's results to place crews third and fourth in the men's frosh eight, the best ever placement for the Tribe in this event. And the Men's Varsity Lightweight Eight was awarded medals for second place in the Lightweight Eight event. The Men's Varsity Heavyweight Eight entered the Championship Eight event - the first time William and Mary has ever entered this event - and placed a close fourth. The women's novice event provided the most excitement in terms of accidents once again this year: the First Novice Eight crabbed out while overtaking Maryland and caused a small collision, losing it time and costing itself a penalty which resulted in a 16th place finish; the Second Novice Eight finished a strong ninth; and the Third Novice Eight, despite not having tightened its top bolts and losing a couple during the race, came in a remarkable thirteenth. Tribe crews also competed in the Women's Championship Four (eighth and twentieth) and Women's Club Eight events (seventh) and the Men's Club Eights (an extra novice crew whose time would have placed it ninth in the novice category). The coaches also got a row, with Carrie's Hampton Roads Crew being unofficially crowned first in the Champ Fours (until someone redid the calculations and found they were a minute slower), and Skip, Charles, Pete, and Rob marking the inaugural row of the Williamsburg Rowing Club with a rather large margin separating them from the times of every other championship four.

November 16th: The Annual Rowing Club Banquet was a big success, due to the organization of social chair Kelly Crouch. Amazingly, one hundred hungry rowers were unable to finish all the turkey, stuffing, and salad. The pie went, though. It was a celebration of the 1997 season and of the Club's newfound traditions. Kyle Stier received the first annual Codger Award, a trophy for which was donated by George Livingston. The coaches received various gifts that will, needless-to-say, come in handy. Pete got a very nice watch to replace the one he accidentally chucked into the river earlier this Fall; Charles received a fire extinguisher so he can put out engine fires the next time one blows up (yes, folks, it has been an exciting Fall). Door prizes abounded. When no one won the case of SURGE!, Dave Smith ran around looking under chairs for the tag until Kelly broke down and awarded it to him anyway. He then left with all the remaining dinner rolls as well.

November 22nd: The Colonial Challenge this year made it all the way to the Obelisk at the Fort at Jamestown, and took nearly three hours (not including a half-hour break when the Tom beached to inspect the damage from a submerged stake). Crews were drawn at random from hats. The winning crew was in the now flat-bottomed Tom, and consisted of (bow to stern) Ben Hedin, Andrew Johnston, Dan Degnan, Mike Carter, Ted Lee, Adam Horsley, Brendan Hagan, Mo Kearney, and Kelly Crouch, who were nearly five minutes faster than the other eights. The second and third place eights were only six seconds apart. Special mention must go to the poor souls who got drawn to do the event in a four: Adam Ayers, Milan Chakraborty, Kyle Stier, Josh Ehrenfeld, and Betsy Holt. They kept up most of the way, but others had to put their boat away for them afterwards. Winter training will now seem easy.

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ROWING TEAM MERITS FLAT HAT COVERAGE

To the Editor:

The Sports Section last week (7 November 1997) included a one-column filler which asked "So you're sick of the stupid inside jokes we usually use to fill up space?" and urged readers to write to fill that space with news instead.

I, for one, am indeed sick of the stupid jokes and nonsense fillers the Sports section uses instead of covering real sports. Three times this Fall William and Mary Crew has competed, and three times the Flat Hat has not covered the races, despite the fact that we issue our own press releases (prior to your Wednesday deadline) and welcome the Sports editors to print those releases in full or in part if they do not choose to assign their own staff writers to our sport. One of the races was the largest single-day regatta in the world, and our crews finished as high as fourth.

It seems incomprehensible that when the largest intercollegiate sports team at William and Mary competes at the world's largest single-day regatta and does extremely well, that your sports editors do not find this newsworthy. The *Flat Hat* is made to look even more absurd when the *Amicus Curiae*, the Law School's newspaper, devotes substantially more column inches to covering the undergraduate rowing program than does the campus' undergraduate newspaper.

Over 100 students row at William and Mary and they train six days a week throughout the entire year. No other sport on this campus has that many participants, and no other sport trains as long as we do. We have one of the largest collegiate rowing programs outside New England, and one which, since last year, is now regarded as one of the region's emerging powers. Almost none of the athletes on the squad ever rowed a stroke before coming to William and Mary, making this program special on campus in that it is open to all students who came to William and Mary for purely academic reasons, yet who nevertheless get to try a new sport and compete at a high standard in complement to their education in the classrooms.

The team would appreciate recognition for its efforts. That your sports editors have chosen to include wishes for a "Happy Halloween" and a "Countdown to Disney" instead of including even a brief mention of the Rowing Club's exploits is bizarre.

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W&M Rowing Club

1998 Season Review

William & Mary Rowing has now completed the second year of its three-year development plan. The largest and most competitive varsity squad in the program's history set the example for some very talented freshmen, with good results across the board. The 1998 spring schedule included competition against almost entirely funded programs. With less history and fewer resources than its opponents, the William & Mary crew had to create its own traditions, and show extra commitment.

Women

We knew we would have a fast varsity squad this year after some encouraging Fall results. Returning this year were all five members of last year's dominant varsity heavyweight four, plus a crop of strong sophomores. Results did not disappoint: the Tribe's first varsity eight finished its season ranked #8 in Division III, the highest-ranked club-status crew in the United States and the first time William and Mary has ever had a nationally-ranked crew.

We decided to consolidate the heavyweight and lightweight squads after the Fall in order to promote a fully competitive atmosphere, and a full third of the students did not survive the Winter training, leaving only the truly dedicated athletes. Two varsity eights competed in the Spring season. Seat racing produced many tight results, as everyone proved a strong candidate.

The varsity boat overcame some frightening injuries to boldly take on its role as the program's flagship crew. Season highlights included several drubbings of arch-rival George Mason, a program which recently gained varsity-status, some competitive racing at George Washington, and a convincing defeat at home of four-time defending Mid-Atlantic Champion Delaware. Unfortunately, injuries to two key rowers - stroke Danielle Abate (tailbone) and 5-seat Nancy Hiteshue (intracostal muscles) - flared up during the finals of the Mid-Atlantic Championships. The Tribe, which had led until that point, lost its rhythm and fell back to fourth place. Plans to attend a post-season regatta needed to return to the shelf to allow Abate to return home for surgery immediately after graduation. The crew, in a new configuration, qualified for the semi-finals at Dad Vails, but never had the chance to vindicate itself there when the Vails got canceled. Nevertheless, nothing can take away from the enormous accomplishment of this fine crew, which earned its national ranking the hard way.

The second varsity crew also had a successful season. It contained some very powerful, if young (eight sophomores and a freshman), rowers, and it spent much of the season unsure of itself in the unfamiliar role as a second eight. It proved very competitive throughout the season, splitting decisions with Mason along the way. Its best row came appropriately at the Mid-Atlantic Championships, where it finished third behind only Div I Navy and a crew from Div II Washington College (whose second varsity consistently went substantially faster than its first varsity and had every coach in the region muttering). At Mid-Atlantics, defending champ Delaware was relegated to fifth and George Mason to sixth. Hopes were high for Vails, but, again, the cancelation put an end to that.

The first freshman crew came out of the first half of the season as the clear favorite from the region. It opened the season by crushing Virginia Tech. At Crawford Bay, it fell only to Navy. The next day, it set back Old Dominion's varsity. A week later at the Occoquan Sprints, it captured first place, well ahead of a slew of established varsity-status programs, notably Villanova, whose frosh had won Dad Vails for the previous two years, Johns Hopkins, Drexel, and Mason. Unfortunately, injuries and illness set in mid-season. The crew had to withdraw from the finals at the George Washington Invitational, and then did not practice together again until the day before the Mid-Atlantic Championships. The rust had obviously set in, but the crew did very well to finish fourth at Mid-Atlantics. The second freshmen finished eighth at Mid-Atlantics.

After graduation, and after resting her intracostal muscles, Hiteshue headed off to join the US Development Sculling Camp. Three seniors graduate from the varsity crew: Abate (stroke), Hiteshue (five), and Tara Eng (bow), who made Phi Beta Kappa. In addition, one student, Sophomore Nora Clancy (three) will spend next year studying in France. The stroke of the second varsity, Sophomore Anneliese Haines, will also miss next year while she studies at the London School of Economics. But everyone else on the squad was either a freshman or a sophomore, with the exception of Junior Captain Sarah Spink (four in the varsity boat), who will return as captain of another very strong squad next year.

Men

The men did not have the experienced core which the women had, and were also physically rather small, so we knew coming into the year that this would be a learning season. That did not dampen their enthusiasm, however. Virtually the entire varsity squad got struck down by illness during a depressing three-week period in late February and early March, but the men came back to the river with renewed vigor (with the exception of those felled by some freak injuries). Most importantly, the varsity men, through their dedication and effort, showed the way for the Tribe's strongest-ever freshman squad. Without the example set by the varsity, the freshmen would never have been primed to work as hard as they did.

The men's varsity squad took most of the season to find functional line-ups, with switching a common occurrence. Along the way, however, they gave their more experienced and larger foes some trouble. Highlights included some fine rowing at the preliminary heats at Vails, where the varsity boat became the first William and Mary men's crew ever to advance past the first round at Vails, and a storming sprint by the second varsity which pushed established programs to the line throughout the season, notably Virginia at Crawford Bay and New Hampshire and Ohio State in the finals at George Washington. 2V crews from strong Division II programs such as Hobart and Mercyhurst also fell by the wayside. The varsity finished fourth at Mid-Atlantics and the second varsity was third.

Having a dedicated varsity squad was instrumental in attracting top athletes onto the freshman squad and getting them to train hard enough to become the strongest ever crop of freshmen. This was also a large squad, and this year's first freshmen were the first crew we have ever had capable of filling our large (and fast) men's heavyweight hull. The crew marched past most opponents throughout the season, including Virginia Tech, George Mason, North Carolina, Drexel, LaSalle, and Delaware, and suffering narrow losses to Virginia and Villanova, on its way to a second-place showing at Mid-Atlantics, where it lost only to a highly-touted Bucknell crew. In the preliminary heats at Vails, the crew coasted its way into the semi-finals, yet even without much effort had managed to post the fourth-fastest overall time in the heats. We look forward to seeing what these fine athletes will accomplish in the coming years.

The second freshmen crew got raided in order to replace two injured members of the varsity squad, but that did not prevent the remaining oarsmen from showing true grit and as much effort as their teammates. The crew had an up-and-down season - the high point coming with a third-place finish in the first freshman event at the Capitol Classic. The 2F ultimately settled in at eleventh at Mid-Atlantics despite having the third fastest time in its morning heat.

The men graduate four-year rower Kyle Stier (three in the varsity), their most experienced rower in Thomas Kovacs (six in the varsity), and two second-year rowers, Steve Harmon (bow in the varsity) and Brian Cohrs (seven in the second varsity). But as with the women, youth prevailed in the squad, boding well for the future. This year's frosh will add much-needed size to the heavyweight squad, and the addition of many exceptionally strong lightweight freshmen means that William and Mary should have a formidable lightweight varsity squad next year as well.

Maybe Rowing isn't everything...

The men's squad provided entertainment through many colorful characters. Most notable among them was sophomore Michael Fitzpatrick who, during his December exam period, constructed a 9' by 6' rendering of Jimi Hendrix out of Chanello's Pizza boxes. The work achieved national recognition, and after the season Fitzpatrick and other members of the team drove it to Seattle, where it went on permanent display in an important Rock and Roll Museum. Fitzpatrick will spend the Fall semester studying in Australia.

1998 Women's Results

Varsity Eight

- at Virginia Tech WIN
Bow to stern: Eng, Carpenter, Ott, Roche, Hiteshue, Abate, Atallah, Spink, Drea.
- at Crawford Bay Crew Classic 3rd
Bow to stern: Eng, Carpenter, Clancy, Roche, Hiteshue, Abate, Atallah, Spink, Drea.
- at Occoquan Sprints 2nd
Bow to stern: Eng, Carpenter, Clancy, Roche, Hiteshue, Abate, Atallah, Spink, Drea.
- at George Washington Invitational 7th
Bow to stern: Eng, Carpenter, Clancy, Spink, Hiteshue, Roche, Atallah, Abate, Drea.
- vs. Delaware WIN
Bow to stern: Eng, Carpenter, Clancy, Spink, Hiteshue, Roche, Atallah, Abate, Drea.
- at Mid-Atlantic Championship 4th (injury)
Bow to stern: Eng, Carpenter, Clancy, Spink, Hiteshue, Roche, Atallah, Abate, Drea.
- at Dad Vail National Championship advanced to semis, then racing canceled
Bow to stern: Eng, Carpenter, Clancy, Roche, Hiteshue, Abate, Atallah, Spink, Drea.

Second Varsity Eight

- at Virginia Tech (first varsity) WIN
- at Crawford Bay Crew Classic 4th
- at Occoquan Sprints 2nd
- at George Washington Invitational 8th
- vs. Delaware LOSS
- at Mid-Atlantic Championship 3rd
- at Dad Vail National Championship race canceled (unsafe river conditions)

Novice Eight

- at Virginia Tech WIN
- at Crawford Bay Crew Classic 3rd
- vs. Old Dominion Varsity (in fours) WIN
- at Occoquan Sprints 1st
- at George Washington Invitational 8th (withdrew before finals due to injury)
- at Mid-Atlantic Championship 4th
- at Dad Vail National Championship first round

Novice Four

- at Virginia Tech LOSS
- at Crawford Bay Crew Classic 2nd
- vs. Old Dominion Varsity WIN
- at Capitol Classic (first novice event) 4th
- vs. Delaware LOSS
- at Mid-Atlantic Championship 8th
- at Dad Vail National Championship withdrew

22 March 1998

William and Mary at Virginia Tech

2000 meters, Claytor Lake, Pulaski VA

conditions: COLD!, strong cross/head wind, some snow flurries, first 1000 had foot-high waves, second 1000 calmer, icicles formed on rowers between strokes when they got drenched by waves. Men's Novice 4+ rowed only about 1250 meters for safety concerns. All other races were roughly 2000 meters off a floating start. In these conditions, margins tended to balloon - races were tighter than margins suggest.

ROWING: CREWS OPEN SEASON AT VIRGINIA TECH

William and Mary Rowing opened its season at Virginia Tech last Sunday, with conditions on Virginia Tech's Claytor Lake race course providing as much competition as a strong Virginia Tech squad.

Tribe crews handled both well and came home with wins in five of eight events.

Throughout the race, a strong cross-head wind blew across the course, causing waves which broke over the sides of the boats. When combined with sub-freezing temperatures, this produced some rather wet and cold rowers.

The winds also made bladework difficult, making the regatta in many ways more of a rafting expedition than a rowing race.

"The water was so cold it was like rowing on the Titanic," senior Thomas Kovacs said.

The Tribe won the premier women's event in style, with both its First and Second Varsity Eights beating Tech's First Varsity by impressive margins.

The Green and Gold also won the Men's and Women's Freshman Eights, Men's Varsity Four, and Men's Freshman Four events.

W&M's only losses came in the men's Varsity and Second Varsity Eights, and the women's Novice Four. The two men's varsity contests were close-fought. The Varsity men fell behind early when a wave washed over their boat on the third stroke.

In these conditions, coming back from an early deficit proved too difficult, and despite a valiant effort the task proved too great and Tech rowed away to a two-length win.

"It was very exciting to see the whole William and Mary team meet the challenge. This was a successful beginning to what should be a very competitive season," junior captain Sarah Spink said.

This year marks the first time in the history of the rowing program at William and Mary that the Tribe has put out varsity eights as the priority boat for the racing season. The eight is the most competitive boat class in rowing, and the switch means the Tribe will face its toughest schedule ever this year.

This coming Saturday, the Tribe will compete at the Crawford Bay Classic in Portsmouth, Virginia, against George Mason, Hobart-William Smith, Mercyhurst, North Carolina, the US Naval Academy, and Virginia. On Sunday, the William and Mary freshmen will race Old Dominion's varsity crews on the James.

Line-ups for first varsity crews

Men: Dave Smith, Mo Kearney (captain), Josh Ehrenfeld, Allen Dvaskas, Mike Fitzpatrick, Kyle Stier, Steve Harmon, Thomas Kovacs, Betsy Holt (cox)

Women: Tara Eng, Anne Carpenter, Jenni Ott, Katie Roche, Nancy Hiteshue, Danielle Abate, Joann Atallah, Sarah Spink (captain), Rika Drea (cox)

Men's Varsity 8+:

VT	7:14
W&M	7:24

Men's Second Varsity 8+:

VT (lights) 7:22
W&M 7:29

Men's Varsity 4+:

W&M 9:24
VT 10:32

Men's Freshman 8+:

W&M 8:03
VT (1F) 8:25
VT (2F) 10:25

Men's Freshman 4+ (1250 meters):

W&M 6:42
VT 7:15

Women's Varsity 8+:

W&M (V) 8:31
W&M (2V) 9:17
VT 9:49

Women's Varsity 4+:

canceled (both W&M crews were in danger of getting frostbite)

Women's Novice 8+:

W&M 9:33
VT (1F) 9:44
VT (2F) 10:04

Women's Novice 4+:

VT 10:49
W&M 11:58

28 March 1998

Crawford Bay Crew Classic

2000 meters, Elizabeth River, Portsmouth VA

conditions: atrocious. Swift cross/tail wind. Waves up to four feet high. Temps in the 80s, baking sun. Pleasure boat traffic and huge wakes. Regatta organizers were friendly enough but badly disorganized, which just made things frustrating for everyone, which was a great shame. Races were supposedly 2000 meters, but rowed off a floating start (and, in one random and unannounced case, a running start), so races varied in length making times uncomparable. This was especially an issue in those events with five entries, where the top four times spread over two heats qualified for the finals, but with races of indeterminate length no one knew who the fastest four crews were. In the men's varsity eight, William and Mary and Mercyhurst were added and dropped from the finals several times before a five-crew final was ultimately agreed on. Much of the rest of the racing could only be described as surreal. Crews were left waiting at the start for over an hour, were started at different times, were forced to make detours on the course (including around a destroyer), were called back to the start mid-race after being allowed to race for several minutes into barge traffic, and traded lanes mid-race. But when things were running, the races were exciting and competitive.

ROWING: CREW SHOWS WELL AGAINST BETTER-FUNDED COMPETITION

William and Mary Rowing has gotten used to racing older and better-funded teams, and has accepted the challenge. Last week, the Tribe was the only completely unfunded program to take part in the Crawford Bay Crew Classic in Portsmouth, Va., and emerged with very competitive results, making the finals in all boat classes.

The regatta gave the Tribe a chance to compete against crews racing a full division higher. Of the participants, only William and Mary and George Mason are considered Division III in rowing, and even Mason has half-varsity status.

The varsity women placed third behind William Smith, a crew highly regarded at the national level, and the U.S. Naval Academy, a Division I program. The Tribe women paced with the two lead crews for much of the course before falling short in the sprint. In the process, though, none of the other competition came anywhere near the boat from W&M.

"I enjoyed racing at Crawford Bay. It was an exciting experience which proved that we can be competitive with strong varsity-status programs," said Sophomore Nora Clancy, who rejoined the first varsity eight this week after sitting out the beginning of the season with an injury.

The varsity men had a rougher day. Leading George Mason early on, the team lost stride in the choppy water and never regained its composure. In the afternoon final, the crew finished fifth.

The highest finishes of the day went to the men's second varsity eight and the men's freshman eight, both of whom placed second to UVa. Both eights pressed UVa. hard down the length of the course. Mercyhurst and Hobart, both of whom compete in a higher-ranked league, were many lengths off the pace in the second varsity final, while the frosh beat up on North Carolina and George Mason.

The novice women's eight finished third behind two strong crews from Navy but nearly seven boat-lengths ahead of fourth-placed George Mason. The second varsity women ran a close fourth in their final.

Next up for the Tribe will be the Occoquan Sprints this Sunday at George Mason. Some other strong Mid-Atlantic programs such as Drexel and Villanova will also be in attendance.

Men's V 8+:

Heat A:

UVA 5:27.2
Hobart 5:41.08
Mercyhurst 5:42.51

Heat B:

George Mason 5:51.6
William & Mary 5:55.97

Final:	
UVA	6:08.7
Mason	6:21.82
Mercyhurst	6:24.63
Hobart	6:30.1
William & Mary	6:39.7

Men's 2V 8+:

Final:	
UVA	5:57.3
William & Mary	6:05.54
Mercyhurst	6:20.02
Hobart	6:27.9

Men's Frosh 8+:

Heat A:		Heat B:	
William & Mary	5:17.80	UVA	5:55.60
UNC 1F	5:30.44	UNC 2F	6:24.77
George Mason	5:31.18	UNC 3F	6:45.15

Final:	
UVA	5:39.2
William & Mary	5:55.74
UNC 1F	6:03.3
UNC 2F	6:11.7

Men's Frosh 4+:

Final:	
UVA	6:49.4
UNC	7:05.72
William & Mary	7:15.87

Women's V 8+:

Heat A:		Heat B:	
William Smith	6:35.90	Navy	5:57.88
Mercyhurst	6:51.99	William & Mary	6:04.26
George Mason	7:03.08		

Final:	
William Smith	6:51.5
Navy	6:56.52
William & Mary	7:10.69
Mercyhurst	7:20.8

Women's 2V 8+:

Heat A:		Heat B:	
George Mason	6:51.30	Navy	6:00.37
William Smith	6:52.56	William & Mary	6:15.37
Mercyhurst	7:00.98		

Final:	
Navy	6:15.2
William Smith	6:28.71
George Mason	6:31.94
William & Mary	6:36.4

Women's Nov 8+:

Final:

Navy 1N 5:45.88

Navy 2N 5:53.97

William & Mary 5:58.19

George Mason 6:26.18

Women Nov 4+:

Final:

William Smith 8:08.08

William & Mary 8:33.61

29 March 1998

Old Dominion University at William and Mary

1 mile 550 yards (Henley course), James River, Williamsburg VA

conditions: hot (mid-80s), sunny. Slight cross-wind but calm water. In the men's competition, William and Mary rowed three randomly matched fours using rowers from the freshman heavy 8+ and 4+.

Men's 4+s:

ODU Varsity	9:06
W&M Frosh (Monahan)	9:16
W&M Frosh (Rosendorf)	9:38
W&M Frosh (Fitzpatrick)	9:57

Women's 4+s:

W&M Novice A	10:13
W&M Novice C	10:53
ODU Varsity	11:17
W&M Novice B	NTT (breakage)

5 April 1998

Occoquan Sprints at George Mason University

2000 meters, Occoquan Reservoir, Fairfax, VA

conditions: quartering head wind variable throughout day (15-25 mph), waves - even small whitecaps. As a result of the wind, there was a floating (non-stakeboat) start. In the men's first varsity and men's and women's first freshman eights, heats and finals were rowed. In other events with more than six entries, crews were split into flights which counted as finals. Events with fewer than six entries were direct-to-finals.

ROWING: CREWS SHOW STRONG AT OCCOQUAN SPRINTS IN FAIRFAX

The Club Rowing teams made their presence felt at the Occoquan Sprints regatta in Fairfax last weekend, bringing home one first place and three second-place finishes. Hosted by George Mason, the Sprints attract some of the strongest programs in the Mid-Atlantic region competing at the Tribe's level.

A gusting quartering headwind and occasional whitecaps on the course made for fairly long races over the 2000-meter course.

The women's varsity eight final was perhaps the most exciting race of the day. William and Mary took a 3/4 length lead over Drexel by the 1000 meter mark. George Mason, hanging tough only seats behind Drexel, started to push back, and Drexel and Mason went up together. Mason finally faltered, but by then Drexel had pushed through William and Mary as well. The three crews battled hard through the final stretch, with Drexel sprinting hard to emerge about half a length ahead of William and Mary, with Mason another half-length back. Virginia Tech and Washington College were well back of the leaders.

"We raced hard but I wish we could have brought home first place for the Seniors," Sophomore coxswain Rika Drea said.

The second varsity women had their best race of the year finishing second in their event. In the process, they avenged their loss from the week before against George Mason. The crew, maintaining a low cadence at only 31 strokes per minute to the opponents' ratings in the mid-30s, led their final early, up by eight seats over Mason at the 1000. At that point, Washington College started bringing the stroke rating up from third place and went through to first. A William and Mary counter-offensive came up short. Washington College powered away to an open-water victory. William and Mary was second with Mason a length behind. Drexel finished well back in fourth.

The W&M men shuffled their line-ups this week, switching seven people between the varsity and junior varsity crews. The new-fangled varsity crew rowed well and qualified for the final. In the final, William and Mary even led the pack off the start, but the more experienced crews from Drexel, Mason, and Villanova wore the Tribe down, leaving the Green and Gold in fifth place.

Technical difficulties with the equipment prevented the new second varsity men's eight from finishing higher than a hard-fought fourth place finish.

The freshman results proved encouraging for the future of W&M Rowing. The women's frosh won their event in style, while the men's frosh battled to the line to finish second to Villanova. The women took a commanding lead early on and withstood a late charge by Johns Hopkins to come home with a one-length victory. Such fine opposition as Villanova, Drexel, Mason, and Virginia Tech had fallen off the pace earlier.

"It was a really good opportunity to size ourselves up against crews in our own division. The novice results were particularly exciting," said Sophomore Brian Tighe, who moved into the stroke seat of the varsity eight this week.

The crews face their most difficult test of the season this weekend at the George Washington Invitational in DC.

Men's Varsity 8+s:

heat A:		heat B:	
Drexel	6:43.07	Villanova (lights)	6:22.82
Villanova	6:56.74	George Mason	6:27.13
William & Mary	7:11.68	Va Tech	6:42.48
Davidson	7:59.75		

final:		petit final:	
Drexel	6:41.02	Va Tech	6:52.00
Mason	6:44.99	Davidson	7:55.29
Villanova (lights)	6:46.43		
Villanova (heavies)	7:02.25		
William & Mary	7:07.03		

Men's 2V 8+s:

Drexel	7:02.40
Va Tech (lights)	7:18.95
Villanova	7:22.19
William & Mary	7:25.80

Men's Frosh 8+s:

heat A:		heat B:	
Villanova	7:00.40	William & Mary	7:09.46
Mason	7:19.01	Drexel	7:20.17
Va Tech	8:38.12	Johns Hopkins	7:31.35
Penn State	9:32.63	Maryland (could not even make it to start!)	

final:			
Villanova	1st NTT		
William & Mary	2nd NTT	+1/2 length	
Mason	3rd NTT	+1-3/4 lengths	
Drexel	4th NTT	+3 lengths	
Va Tech	5th NTT	+easily	

Women's Varsity 8+s:

Drexel	7:43.00
William & Mary	7:46.55
Mason	7:48.13
Va Tech	8:07.00
Washington Coll.	8:33.00

Women's 2V 8+s:

Washington Coll.	7:57.78
William & Mary	8:05.22
Mason	8:08.22
Drexel	8:23.65

Women's Nov 8+s:

heat A:		heat B:	
William & Mary	8:09.15	Mason	8:32.51
Villanova	8:14.38	Johns Hopkins	8:32.81
Drexel	8:28.94	Va Tech	8:56.11
Loyola	8:55.63	Lehigh	10:58.01
Maryland BC	10:18.10	St. Mary's	?

final:

William & Mary	8:23.90
Hopkins	8:26.69
Villanova	8:32.52
Drexel	8:45.01
Mason	8:51.52
Va Tech	9:11.15

Women's 2N 8+s:

Va Tech	8:25.84
Villanova	8:42.24
Johns Hopkins	8:48.22
Penn State	11:34.25

There were also a whole ton of fours events. William and Mary entered one:

Men's Nov 4+ (A-flight final):

Va Tech	8:07.55
Lehigh	8:36.77
Davidson	8:55.10
William & Mary	9:01.07
Penn State	9:08.52
Maryland BC	11:16.21

11 April 1998

George Washington Invitational at George Washington University

four-lane racecourse, 2000 meters, Potomac River, Washington DC

conditions: morning started off with cross/tail wind, tide, and stream combining for fast races. Wind became somewhat variable as the day progressed, coming at different speeds and angles not only from race to race but also within races. Tide turned around the time of the 2V 8+s finals and before V 8+s finals. Cold start, but generally warm and sunny - beautiful day.

ROWING: CREWS COMPETE AGAINST STIFF COMPETITION AT GW INVITATIONAL

William and Mary Rowing took its top six crews to the George Washington Invitational Crew Classic last weekend. Run in conjunction with the National Cherry Blossom Festival, the regatta gave the Tribe a chance to perform in the national spotlight.

This year, George Washington limited the number of invitations and created a particularly competitive field of twelve teams. The Tribe's crews performed extremely well, and now have a benchmark against which to measure the development of the program in future years.

In the morning heats, the varsity women, with a slightly re-configured line-up this week, battled UVa., ranked third in the country, and Navy, ranked 16th. The Tribe had posted a faster time than No. 13 Columbia and looked poised for what would have been an enormous upset of the Lions in the afternoon finals. Unfortunately, that was not to happen. After hanging with Columbia for the early part of the race, William and Mary fell back of both Columbia and Temple, to finish third in the petit final, seventh overall. UVa. won the event.

The varsity men emerged with a new line-up once again this week. The line-up clicked, and the crew turned out two fine races which will provide the foundation on which to build for the season-end championships in May. After eliminating LaSalle in the morning, the varsity men went to the afternoon finals where they finished eighth. Georgetown squeezed past No. 10 Temple and No. 13 Navy to win the event.

Both men's and women's second varsity crews finished eighth as well. The women pushed Temple to the wire in the morning heat. Meanwhile, the men, also coming off their line-up scramble, found their best in the afternoon against strong crews from New Hampshire and Ohio State. The Tribe nearly caught Ohio State in the sprint, falling only a few feet short.

The freshmen also competed well in the morning heats but both men's and women's eights had to withdraw from the competition before the finals due to injuries.

"The racing proved that all our squads could handle challenging conditions and still hold our own against top-class competition. The regatta really brought out the best in our crews, and we are all looking forward to the remainder of the season," said sophomore Betsy Holt, coxswain of the men's varsity eight.

The Tribe's varsity crews next compete on April 25th at home on the James River against the University of Delaware. The Delaware women have been Mid-Atlantic champions for four consecutive years, and this will be the first time William and Mary will challenge them in the top boat classes.

competitors:

George Washington (GW)	Ohio State (OSU)
Columbia (CU)	Temple
George Mason (GMU)	Tennessee (Tenn)
Georgetown (G'town)	US Naval Academy (Navy)
LaSalle	Virginia (UVA)
New Hampshire (UNH)	William & Mary (W&M)

Men's V 8+:

heat A:	heat B:	heat C:
G'town 5:26.98	Navy 5:21.50	Temple 5:27.64

GW	5:32.13	UNH	5:23.08	OSU	5:29.85
LaSalle	5:49.98	GMU	5:38.43	W&M	5:46.50

Final:		Petit:			
G'town	5:08.98	OSU	5:18.82		
Temple	5:12.68	GW	5:22.92		
Navy	5:13.09	GMU	5:30.57		
UNH	5:21.28	W&M	5:41.77		

Men's 2V 8+:

heat A:		heat B:			
Navy 2V	5:40.97	Navy 3V	5:36.60		
GW	5:48.60	Temple	5:36.99		
OSU	5:50.01	G'town	5:43.63		
W&M	6:02.34	UNH	5:53.43		

final:		petit:			
Navy 2V	5:18.85	G'town	5:30.96		
Navy 3V	5:22.00	UNH	5:41.06		
Temple	5:23.56	OSU	5:43.66		
GW	5:50.55	W&M	5:44.05		

Men's 1F 8+:

heat A:		heat B:		heat C:	
Navy	5:33.60	UVA	5:48.00	UNH	5:48.00
G'town	5:36.70	Temple	6:04.02	GW	5:54.37
W&M	6:04.45	GMU	6:06.24	OSU	5:56.58
LaSalle	6:18.90				

final:		petit:			
Navy	5:32.88	GW	5:37.57		
UVA	5:37.18	OSU	5:40.57		
G'town	5:39.28	Temple	5:44.37		
UNH	5:55.15	W&M	DNR (rower had critical asthma attack)		

Men's FL 8+:

final:	
G'town 1FL	5:35.28
UNH	5:38.08
G'town 2FL	5:53.48

Men's 2F 8+:

final:	
Navy	5:35.40
G'town	5:49.90
OSU	6:03.46

Women V 8+:

heat A:		heat B:		heat C:	
G'town	6:06.78	GW	6:01.57	UVA	5:50.50
CU	6:12.34	Temple	6:13.73	Navy	6:00.30
LaSalle	6:27.72	GMU	6:18.74	W&M	6:11.87

final:		petit:			
UVA	5:41.63	CU	6:02.52		
GW	5:43.83	Temple	6:06.12		
G'town	5:48.62	W&M	6:12.52		
Navy	6:00.07	GMU	6:14.10		

Women's VL 8+:

final:

UVA	5:58.96
GW	5:59.88
Tenn	6:00.18

Women's 2V 8+:

heat A:

UVA	6:15.23
CU	6:27.67
Temple	6:39.18
W&M	6:40.04

heat B:

Navy	6:18.68
GW	6:22.80
G'town	6:28.50
GMU	6:41.54

final:

UVA	6:05.49
Navy	6:18.34
GW	6:19.33
CU	6:25.63

petit:

G'town	6:19.60
Temple	6:26.30
GMU	6:31.74
W&M	6:36.78

Women's 1N 8+:

heat A:

Navy	6:17.50
GW	6:25.20
W&M	6:46.31

heat B:

CU	6:19.20
G'town	6:21.21
GMU	6:52.38

heat C:

UVA	6:17.41
Tenn	6:23.40
Temple	6:54.58

final:

UVA	6:08.60
Navy	6:09.06
CU	6:10.66
G'town	6:12.46

petit:

Tenn	6:06.08
GW	6:07.68
GMU	6:34.85
W&M	DNR (injured back)

Women's NL 8+:

final:

GW	6:13.52
G'town	6:29.92

Women's 2N 8+:

heat A:

GW	6:35.17
CU	6:37.34

heat B:

UVA	6:20.04
Navy	6:33.18
G'town	6:35.97

final:

UVA	6:12.36
Navy	6:24.36
GWU	6:28.58
G'town	6:34.39

19 April 1998

Capitol Classic at Catholic University

2000 meters, Potomac River, Washington DC

competitors: American, Carnegie-Mellon, Catholic, Charleston, Loyola, Mary Washington, Richmond, St. John's, Scranton, Trinity, Towson, UMBC, and William & Mary.

Men's Frosh 4+ finished 3rd.

Women's Nov 4+ finished 4th.

These events featured the top frosh crews from the other programs. William and Mary sent its bottom fours.

25 April 1998

University of Delaware at William and Mary

1800 meters, College Creek, Williamsburg VA

conditions: breezy but protected on College Creek, 80 degrees, floating start, raced downstream against the tide (except men's V 8+ at high tide and both novice 4+s with the tide).

ROWING: CREWS TOUGH OUT CLOSE RACES WITH POWERHOUSE DELAWARE

The University of Delaware women's crew, Mid-Atlantic champions for the past four years, came to Williamsburg last Saturday to square off against the Green and Gold. The event marked the first time the Tribe has ever challenged Delaware in the top category. At the end of a close-fought race, the Tribe emerged with an important open-water victory.

Wavy conditions on the James River race course caused concerns for safety, so the races moved to a sheltered portion of College Creek. Although not ideal for racing because it had two bends in it, the alternate race course still provided the two crews an opportunity to race over 1800 meters, a distance only slightly shorter than regulation, and to gain experience going into this year's Mid-Atlantic Championships on Sunday, May 3rd.

The much-anticipated battle of the women's varsity crews fulfilled expectations as both boats battled fiercely down the course with never more than a few seats between them. In a classic war of attrition, William and Mary proved the stronger-willed crew, breaking the Blue Hens in the final 400 meters and sprinting away to a length-and-a-third victory, in a time of 6:19.83. Delaware posted a time of 6:25.47.

"It was a good race because we had a strong second half, something which has been inconsistent earlier in the season. Delaware gave us good competition and we are looking forward to racing them again at Mid-Atlantics," said Senior Tara Eng.

The women's second varsity race proved similarly spectacular, but with different results. The crews remained virtually even for the first 500 meters. Delaware took the lead around the inside of the first bend, but William and Mary clawed its way back in the middle stretch. The Hens started their sprint first, and the Tribe quickly challenged. With 300 meters to go, the race still could have gone either way, but Delaware broke free to win by three quarters of a length.

Delaware captured both varsity men's events from an undersized Green and Gold contingent, although the first varsity event featured some controversy. Delaware appeared to interfere with the W&M boat around the final bend, but due to the makeshift nature of the alternate racecourse the result was allowed to stand.

W&M's freshman men dominated their counterparts, with both first and second boats winning comfortably. Illness forced the cancelation of the women's novice eight, while Delaware won the women's second novice event.

Men V 8+:

Delaware (V 4+ and coaches)	4:56.93
William & Mary (V)	5:02:17
William & Mary (2V)	5:02.93

Men V 4+:

Delaware	6:34.52
William & Mary (V - bow)	6:45.61
William & Mary (V - stern)	6:49.04

Men F 8+:

William & Mary (1F)	5:39.05
William & Mary (2V)	5:45.27
Delaware (1F)	5:49.76

Men 2F 4+:

William & Mary 5:45.90
Delaware 5:56.58

Women V 8+:

William & Mary 6:19.83
Delaware 6:25.47

Women 2V 8+:

Delaware (2V) 6:13.91
William & Mary (2V) 6:17.13
Delaware (1N) 6:23.54

Women 2F 4+:

Delaware (2N - stern) 5:52.08
William & Mary 6:08.58
Delaware (2N - bow) 6:28.08

3 May 1998

Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Crew Championships

2000 meters, Occoquan Reservoir, Fairfax, VA

Conditions: Weather was hot and humid. Wind stayed calm and then turned into a slight tail as the day progressed. Fierce thunderstorms erupted within minutes after the final race, as if they knew to wait until everyone got off the water.

This regatta has traditionally been for non-scholarship programs only. Since George Mason, the host, has started to offer scholarships for women this year, the women's events were now open to scholarship athletes. However, in the Women's Varsity 8+ event only there was one race for non-scholarship programs and one for Div I varsity-status scholarship-giving programs. Nevertheless, we decided to enter our varsity women in the Div I varsity-status scholarship-giving category.

ROWING: MID-ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

William and Mary Rowing posted its best results ever at the Mid-Atlantic Championships in Fairfax on Sunday, bringing home one silver, two bronzes, and three fourth-place finishes.

The silver came in the men's freshman eight event, where the Tribe finished second only to favored Bucknell University. The men's and women's second varsity eights earned bronze, while the men's and women's first varsity and women's novice eights came home in fourth.

The women's varsity had perhaps the most disappointing race of the day. The race began looking like it would be the crew's strongest performance of the year, as the Tribe marched out to a solid lead of half a length over the field in the first 500 meters. Not only did the crew have a fast start, but it had found a powerful rhythm it could have sustained down the course.

However, Danielle Abate, the crew's stroke - the rower who sets the rhythm - has been rowing this year with a tailbone condition which makes it painful to sit down let alone to row. This condition began to act up again during the race. Unable to maintain its pace, the crew slipped back, being passed first by Navy, and then just before the finish by George Mason and Delaware.

The second varsity women did row their best race of the year to finish third. Navy took an early lead, leaving the rest of the field tightly packed. The Green and Gold sprinted well to come within five inches of second-place Washington College, a crew which had beaten William and Mary by a couple lengths earlier this season. In the process, the Tribe also avenged earlier losses to Delaware (in fifth place) and George Mason (in sixth).

The women's freshmen have had a season plagued by injury and illness, and have not had a proper race for four weeks. The crew showed its rust and the effects of ill-health, finishing fourth behind Delaware, Johns Hopkins, and George Mason. It had defeated Hopkins and Mason earlier this season.

The varsity men rowed a strong race this week to finish a solid fourth behind only George Mason, Virginia Tech, and Villanova. The men's second varsity came third to Villanova and Virginia Tech.

The squad also brought a men's and a women's freshman four, which finished eleventh and eighth, respectively.

All eight crews now travel to the Division Three national championships in Philadelphia this coming weekend, which will be attended by 104 colleges. Results at Mid-Atlantics notwithstanding, the varsity women enter the national championships seeded eighth, the first time William and Mary has ever had a nationally-seeded crew. Their first-round heat includes a rematch with ninth-seeded George Mason as well as a first look at top-seeded Villanova. Virginia Tech, Army, and Rensselaer fill out the Tribe women's first-round heat. The men's varsity's first-round heat includes third-seeded Drexel, sixth-seeded Grand Valley, eleventh-seeded St. Joseph's, and the University of Chicago.

Crew Line-ups for the Mid-Atlantic Championships 1998

Varsity Men

Coach: Dr CE Ehrlich

	V8+	2V8+
B	SR Harmon '98	SK Tadavarthy '01
2	MS Kearney '00 (capt)	WH Ashton '01
3	KT Stier '98	AD Ayers '00
4	ND Stump '99	JA Ehrenfeld '99
5	MS Fitzpatrick '00	AL Burgoyne '00
6	TA Kovacs '98	TG Lee '00
7	DV Smith '00	BM Cohrs '98
S	BP Tighe '00	BM Hagan '00
C	ME Holt '00	KT Crouch '99

Varsity Women

Coach: Dr CE Ehrlich

	V8+	2V8+
B	TL Eng '98	JL Hajinlian '00
2	AC Carpenter '00	SE Jones '01
3	NE Clancy '00	CM Howard '00
4	SMA Spink '99 (capt)	KM Andersen '00
5	N Hiteshue '98	JE Ott '99
6	KE Roche '00	CA DiSalvo '00
7	JY Atallah '00	CL Brownlee '00
S	DM Abate '98	AE Haines '00
C	RK Drea '00	CL Davis '00

Frosh Men

Coach: PC Ismay, Esq

	1F8+	2F4+
B	AJ Duehl '01	
2	PD DiBella '01	
3	GT Chuebon '01	
4	RB Durham '01	
5	BR Hale '01	DJ Degnan '01
6	ADL Schefer '01	AJ Sterling '01
7	MR Nosenzo '01	JD Sibley '01
S	AS Horsley '01	MV Lehman '01
C	KA Fitzpatrick '00	EA Rosendorf '01

Novice Women

Coach: RK Weber

	1N8+	2N4+
B	LE Hansen '01	
2	EE Wahle '01	
3	LK Dawson '01	
4	SL Begell '01	
5	CT Young '01	RL Solovey '99
6	SE Littlejohn '01	JG Peterson '99
7	LP Coughlin '01	LA Preissler '01
S	Jl Smith '01	SL Simon '01
C	CA Monahan '01	HF Campbell-Simon '99

Partial results:

Men's V 8+:

Final:

GOLD.	George Mason	6:09.88
SILVER.	Va Tech	6:15.22
BRONZE.	Villanova	6:18.22
4.	William & Mary	6:28.53
5.	Bucknell	DNS

Men's 2V 8+:

Final:

GOLD.	Villanova	6:17.30
SILVER.	Va Tech	6:22.76
BRONZE.	William & Mary	6:31.33

Men's 1F 8+:

Final:

GOLD.	Bucknell	6:16.50
SILVER.	William & Mary	6:26.10
BRONZE.	George Mason	6:26.15
4.	Delaware	6:37.65
5.	Bucknell 2F	6:50.95
6.	Towson State	7:05.91

Men's F 4+:

Petit Final:

7.	St John's	7:43.19
8.	SUNY Maritime	7:43.79
9.	Catholic	8:02.68
10.	Susquehanna	8:05.31
11.	William & Mary	8:08.01
12.	Va Tech	8:25.40

Most of the crews in this event were the top four frosh from their respective colleges. Our crew got an unlucky draw, and despite having the third fastest time in the morning heats drew the two fastest crews in its heat. Since only two crews from each heat qualified for the final, it got relegated to the petit finals where its performance was not indicative of its potential.

Women's V 8+:

Final:

GOLD.	Navy	6:52.38
SILVER.	George Mason	7:08.32
BRONZE.	Delaware	7:10.02
4.	William & Mary	7:12.05
5.	Washington Coll	7:36.05

Women's 2V 8+:

Final:

GOLD.	Navy 1N	6:52.92
SILVER.	Washington Coll	7:15.34
BRONZE.	William & Mary	7:15.37
4.	Navy 2N	7:17.63
5.	Delaware	7:23.09
6.	George Mason	7:36.83

Women's 1N 8+:

Final:

GOLD.	Delaware	7:21.83
SILVER.	Johns Hopkins	7:25.68
BRONZE.	George Mason	7:31.54
4.	William & Mary	7:37.32
5.	Va Tech	7:43.65
6.	UMBC	8:00.83

Women's N 4+:

Petit Final:

7.	Richmond	9:18.20
8.	William & Mary	9:31.41
9.	St John's	9:47.05
10.	George Mason	10:11.03
11.	Towson State	10:33.71

8-9 May 1998 Dad Vail National Championship Regatta

2000 meters, Schuylkill River, Philadelphia PA

Saturday's racing was canceled due to unsafe river conditions.

Seedings for 1998 Dad Vails:

WOMEN'S HEAVYWEIGHTS

1. Villanova
2. Western Ontario
3. Purdue
4. Temple
5. Central Florida
6. Marietta
7. Marist
8. **WILLIAM AND MARY**
9. George Mason
10. Drexel
11. Minnesota
12. Delaware

MEN'S HEAVYWEIGHTS

1. Temple
2. Marietta
3. Drexel
4. Purdue
5. Rhode Island
6. Grand Valley
7. Marist
8. Wichita State
9. George Mason
10. Virginia Tech
11. St. Joseph's
12. Army

Summary of results:

Women's V: Entered seeded 8th, the first time a William and Mary crew has ever been seeded. The crew had to make a late line-up change for medical reasons, and its first piece since the change was the heat on Friday morning, where it rowed a strong race, followed by an even stronger race on Friday afternoon to advance to Saturday. The crew's semi-final on Saturday morning was to include #2 Western Ontario, #5 Central Florida, #9 George Mason, and #10 Drexel, but this race never went off.

Men's V: The first William and Mary men's crew ever to race twice at Vails. Rowed well in the morning to eliminate Chicago - Chicago had moved through them in the middle of the race and the crew had the mental toughness to sprint Chicago down. On Friday afternoon, Mason and Marist proved too strong.

Women's 2V: With the heats not scheduled until Saturday morning, this crew never raced.

Men's 2V: As with the Women's 2V, the heats were not scheduled until Saturday, so this crew never raced either.

Women's 1N: Had a strong race on Friday. However, shortly after the start the crew had to avoid Drexel which had steered into its lane. Northwestern eliminated the crew by .32 seconds, the margin more than covered by the evasive action early in the race. Unfortunately, the protest was not allowed.

Men's 1F: Finished 2nd in its heat by .3 seconds, but under no pressure because three qualified for the semis. Had the fourth fastest overall heat time nevertheless, which boded well had it had the chance to race on Saturday.

Women's 2N: Caught a crab after problem with rig and withdrew mid-race.

Men's 2F: Eliminated in its heat.