

The University Boat Race 2007

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An exciting three days of racing was held on Kowie River at Port Alfred where South African Universities competed to win this prestigious event. Rhodes University continued their dominance of the event winning 3 of the 4 events including both men's and women's A division races.

Although all events were very closely contested, the races began with time heads racing enabling the 30 plus crews to be seeded into Oxford/Cambridge style two boat racing - men 6.2 Km and women over 4.2 km. The Kowie River has a number of bends which makes for exciting rowing and the umpires had a difficult job in view of the large waves which swamped boats at times.

Novice events were introduced for the first time this year in an attempt to grow University rowing in South Africa. The overall winners were the University of Fort Hare. The NMMU Novices did well to win the Women's division.

The winners of the men's event were Rhodes University who battled it out in a hard fought race with the University of Pretoria. The University of Johannesburg and Stellenbosch University battled for 3rd spot with the University of Johannesburg proving just too strong in the end.

The winner's of the women's event were Rhodes University followed by the University of the Witwatersrand. The University of Johannesburg beat the University of Cape Town to claim 3rd place.

Overall an excellent regatta was had by all with Rhodes dominance of the event under threat by the ever increasing level of competition from all the other Universities. The Boatrace 2008 promises to be full of surprises with no one willing to bet on who will claim the title.

| TROPHY WINNERS | |
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| Most Improved | |
| Men | University of Pretoria |
| Women | University of Cape Town |
| Novices | |
| Men | University of fort Hare |
| Women | Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University |
| Men's B Division | University of Stellenbosch |
| Ladies B Division | Rhodes University |
| Men's A Division | Rhodes University |
| Women's A Division | Rhodes University |

The results of the Finals are tabulated below:

| MEN'S A FINALS | | |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Rhodes University | 18.54.99 |
| 2 | University of Pretoria | 19.00.86 |
| 3 | University of Johannesburg | 22.26.82 |
| 4 | University of Stellenbosch | 22.42.80 |
| 5 | University of the Witwatersrand | 17.39.07 |
| 6 | University of Pietermaritzburg | 17.55.02 |
| 7 | University of Cape Town | 17.55.43 |
| 8 | Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University | 18.32.13 |
| WOMEN'S A FINALS | | |
| 1 | Rhodes University | 14.45.33 |
| 2 | University of the Witwatersrand | 15.05.19 |
| 3 | University of Johannesburg | 15.16.37 |
| 4 | University of Cape Town | 16.02.93 |
| 5 | University of Stellenbosch | 13.54.76 |
| 6 | University of Pietermaritzburg | 14.19.33 |
| 7 | Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University | 14.24.52 |
| 8 | Fort Hare University | 15.06.82 |
| MEN'S B FINALS | | |
| 1 | University of Stellenbosch | 18.34.59 |
| 2 | Rhodes University | 18.35.77 |
| 3 | University of Johannesburg | 23.05.20 |
| 4 | University of Pretoria | 24.09.46 |
| 5 | Fort Hare University - East London | 23.42.90 |
| 6 | University of the Witwatersrand | 24.06.14 |
| 7 | University of Cape Town | 25.00.26 |
| 8 | University of Pietermaritzburg | 26.53.28 |
| 9 | University of Durban | 27.03.56 |
| 10 | University of Durban/Pietermaritzburg | 24.28.05 |
| 11 | Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University | 25.23.62 |
| WOMEN'S B FINAL | | |
| 1 | Rhodes University | 14.48.10 |
| 2 | University of the Witwatersrand | 15.13.43 |
| 3 | University of Johannesburg | 19.42.76 |
| 4 | University of Stellenbosch | 21.57.56 |
| NOVICES | | |
| 1 | Fort Hare University A | 05.30.80 |
| 2 | Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University | 06.05.87 |
| 3 | University of Johannesburg/Fort Hare University | 06.44.31 |
| 4 | Fort Hare/NMMU | 07.00.11 |