



Beccles Rowing Club – Bedford Small Boats Head Report (13/04/2008)

Beccles Rowing Club sent just the one crew to the prestigious Bedford Small Boats Head, held over a 2,000m course, in which crews from many of the country's top clubs competed for honours across the day's eight divisions.

The Senior Four Double Sculls of Benjamin Turner and Nicholas Beck were up against the formidable line up of City of Oxford, Auriol Kingston, two crews from Maidstone Invicta, Rob Roy of Cambridge, Kingston Rowing Club and a crew from the ever-competitive Peterborough City.

The format of the event, treating all eight divisions held across the day from 9am until 6pm as a single event, rather mitigated against the Beccles crew as they were forced to endure heavy rain, gusty winds and notable wash in their late afternoon slot. Turner and Beck nevertheless recorded a good time of 7:51, knocking a whopping 24 seconds off their previous best at this event.

The 2,000m distance, something akin to the 400m in athletics terms, is a tortuous long sprint and not ideally suited to the powerful pair, but their typically explosive start carried them a good 800m down the course at an impressive pace. Given that the Regatta season is fast approaching, with events held over distances of between 350m and 700m, the pair look in good shape and will hope to achieve some early victories and move further up the status ladder, starting with Cambridge Regatta on May 11th.

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