

Vikings Conquer Norfolk

Beccles Rowing Club claimed further success at the weekend's Norfolk Long Distance Sculls event hosted by Norwich Rowing Club.

The Senior Four crew of the mature, but powerful "Vikings" Nicholas "Shaggy" Beck and Benjamin "Bruno" Turner stormed home almost a minute and a half clear of their nearest youthful challengers to claim a maiden Long Distance Pot. Their time of 18:15 was only a minute from the fastest time of 17:14 in the morning Division, which was sculled in heavy water and against the tide over its gruelling 4400m course.

In the Second Division the flowering Women's Novice crew of Liz "Runner Bean" Beedham and Lorna "Mrs Bones" Collins performed in determined fashion and surged home in a respectable 11:46 for the 2500m course, placing them in the middle of the field and well ahead of some good crews.

In the Third Division of the day, again raced over the monster 4400m course, the indefatigable "Shaggy" Beck dragged his imposing frame back into the Double, this time mixing it with "Sticky" Vicky Collins who was enjoying her first experience of Head racing. The virgin crew finished in a solid 19:21 and had an excellent battle with the other two mixed doubles.

Beck and Turner were keen to express their thanks for their coach, James "Steven Seagal the Navy Seal" Lowry-Bartram. His hairy and loving support continues to be invaluable to the idiosyncratic duo.

Beccles Rowing Club looks forward to continued success at the Carrow Cup on December 15th when they once again take on the region's best with a knowledge that they now have all the facilities and coaching to win trophies to fill the marvellous new boathouse with.

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