

Henley Royal 2011

The club has had its best Henley for many years with three crews in the Regatta proper. The 'A' Fawley quad of Sam and Oli, Harry and Elliot was selected, but the 'B' crew of Callum, Andrew, Morgan and Sam Mottram (all J16s) had to beat 60 other quads just to qualify! They put up a very mature performance but were beaten by Molesey on Thursday.

Captain Neil West and his son Stuart also had to qualify for the Silver Goblets, and had a tight race against a Bristol Ariel crew on Thursday, never really getting clear water. But on Friday they came up against GB pair Reed and Hodge, who beat the Barrier record.

The 'A' Fawley crew won fairly comfortably on Friday (having had a bye through the first round), but followed this up with two excellent races on Saturday against old rivals Westminster and Wm Borlase; the semi-final saw both crews winding the rating up into the 40s as they approached the line, with Walton winning by half a length. On Sunday, however, they were outgunned by a powerful and very mature Sydney Rowing Club quad. It was nonetheless a remarkable achievement for a crew including two sixteen-year-olds and one fifteen-year-old.

Morgan Bolding and Elliot Tarrant have been selected as the J16 double for the Anglo-French match next Sunday (July 10th) at Docklands—congratulations to them.