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Queen's Create History with Four Rowing Wins
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Queen’s College swept all before them on Saturday to win the men’s and women’s First VIII and Second VIII races of the 2009 Inter-Collegiate Sports Council (ICSC) Rowing Regatta on the Yarra River. This was the first time in the events history that one college has won each of the four boat categories.

Despite a wintery Melbourne morning and an early 7.50am start time, spectators from each of the colleges turned out in numbers to support their crews. And some good racing ensured that there was plenty to cheer about over the course of the regatta.

At the end of the day however, it was Queen’s College that stood on the balcony of the Melbourne University Boat Club to collect their winner’s medallions and absorb the applause of their fellow students, college staff, parents and friends.

The men’s Second VIII set the ball rolling with victory over Trinity College and International House. The women’s Second VIII made it a double with their win over University College (last year’s victors) and Ormond. The Queen’s women’s First VIII, stroked by Sam May, were too strong for Trinity and a clean sweep was just one race away.

In the closest race of the regatta, and befitting the final event of the day, Queen’s again took on Trinity in the men’s First VIII final. As Trinity came through the Swan Street Bridge with the lead, it appeared that the quadrella of Queen’s victories would fall one short. But increasing their rating in the final 300 metres, the Queen’s crew stroked by Jock Thomson powered over the top of Trinity to win by a canvas. Four from four for Queen’s and a record that is sure to stand for some time!

Congratulations to Queen’s College. Well done to all other participating colleges for their efforts on the day. And thank you to Melbourne University Boat Club, particularly to Regatta Manager Tom Paton, for managing another first-class ICSC event.

Attention now returns to the finals for men’s Soccer, women’s Hockey and mixed Table Tennis as the ICSC calendar of events winds up for semester one.
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