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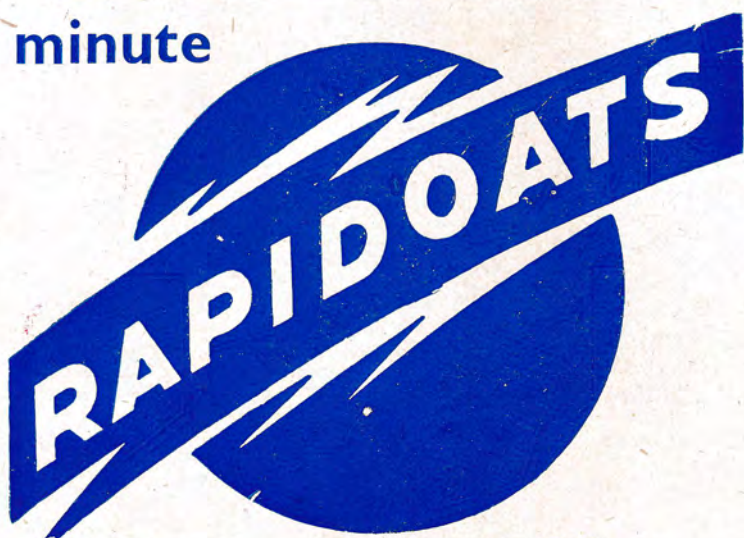
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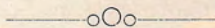
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R. V. RAWLINS

(VICTORIA)

12st. 6lb.

Amateur Champion
of Victoria.

Colours : Navy Blue
Jersey, White V on
left breast.

Right :

S. RODGERS
(QUEENSLAND)

11st. 6lb.

Amateur Champion of Queensland

Colours : Maroon Singlet, White Q
on Left Breast.



Left :

M. T. WOOD

(N.S.W.)

13st. 0 lb.

World's Olympic
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tralia, Amateur
Champion of N.S.W.

Colours : Light Blue
Jersey, Waratah on
Left Breast.

Interstate Sculling Race
 FOR THE
 PRESIDENT'S CUP
 AND THE
*Amateur Championship
 of Australia*

TO
 START
 AT
 3.20 p.m.



HOLDER:
 M. T. WOOD
 (N.S.W.)

COURSE: The Course will be two and a half miles and will be rowed upstream from a marked position immediately below the wharf at Colmslie Migrant Centre and a point on the Royal Queensland Golf Links.

DISTANCE: Two and a half Statute Miles.

STATIONS: At the Start, No. 1 Station is nearest the North (Hamilton) Bank.

STATION No. 1	R. V. RAWLINS (Victoria), 12st. 0lb. Colours: Navy Blue Jersey, White V on Left Breast.
STATION No. 2	S. RODGERS (Q'land), 11st 6lb. Colours: Maroon Singlet, White Q on Left Breast.
STATION No. 3	M. T. WOOD (N.S.W.) 13st. 0lb. Colours: Light Blue Jersey, Waratah on Left Breast.

First..... Second..... Third.....
 Time.....

THE KING'S CUP



The King's Cup, the perpetual trophy for the Australian Eight-oared Championship, was presented by His Majesty King George V for the Eight-oared Race between crews from the armies of the Allies in the 1914-1918 War, which took the place of the Grand Challenge Cup Race at Royal Henley Regatta, 2nd to 4th July, 1919.

The race was won by the A.I.F. No. 1 Crew, comprising : Sgt. A. R. Robb, Derwent Rowing Club (Tas.), 11st. 8lbs. (bow); Lieut. F. A. House, Derwent Rowing Club (Tas.), 11st. 8lbs. (2); Lieut. T. McGill, Leichardt Rowing Club (N.S.W.), 12st. 9lbs. (3); Gunner A. V. Scott, Murray Bridge Rowing Club (S.A.), 12st. 7lbs. (4); Lieut. H. Hauenstein, M.M., Leichardt and Balmain Rowing Clubs (N.S.W.), 13st. 10lb. (5); Major S. A. Middleton, D.S.O., Glebe and Sydney Rowing Clubs (N.S.W.), 13st. 6lb. (6); Gunner G. W. Mettam, West Australian Rowing Club (W.A.), 11st. 8lb. (7); Captain H. C. Disher, Melbourne University Boat Club (Victoria), 11st. 6lb. (Stroke); Sgt. A. E. Smedley, Sydney Rowing Club (N.S.W.), (Cox).

Other competitors were Australia No. 2 Crew, Canada, Cambridge University, France, New Zealand, Oxford University and United States. The A.I.F. No. 1 Crew defeated A.I.F. No. 2 Crew in the first heat, Cambridge University in the semi-final, and Oxford University in the final by one length.

The handsome trophy was left in the custody of the Australian Military Authorities, and eventually handed to the Australian War Memorial Council and placed in the Australian War Museum.

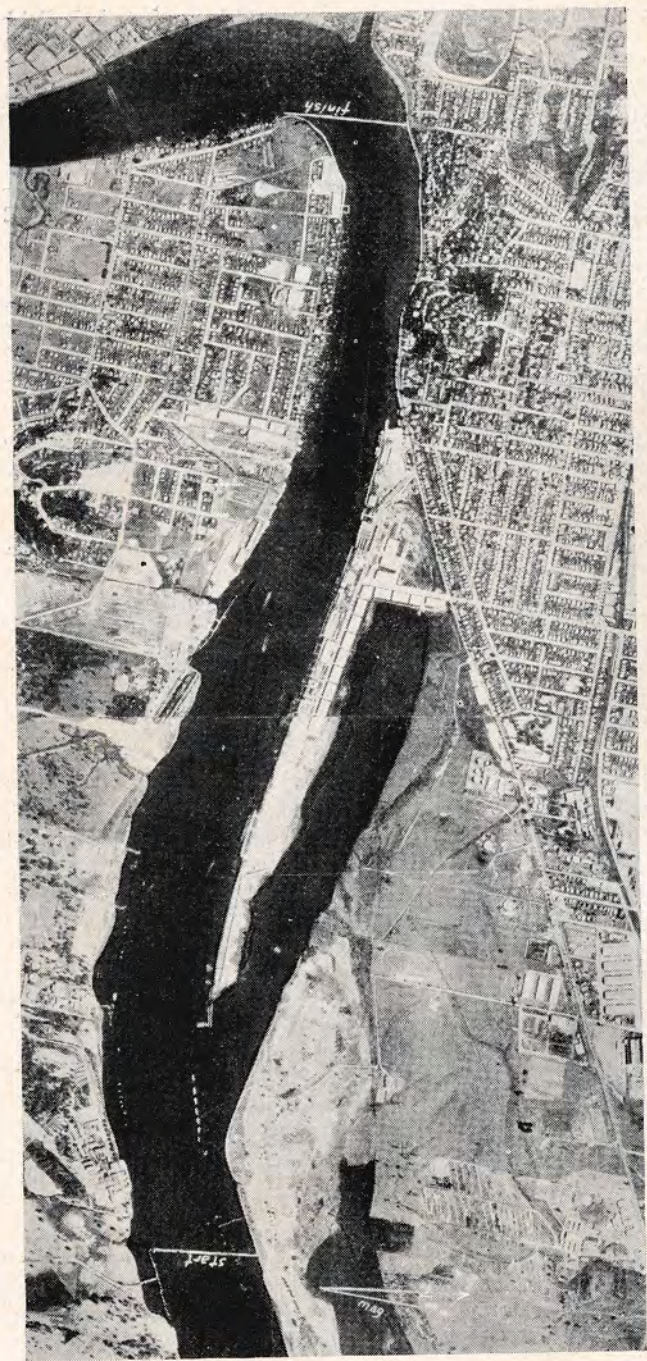
At the conference of delegates from the Australian Rowing Association in Brisbane on 14th May, 1920, it was decided to ask the Australian War Memorial Council for the Cup as a perpetual trophy for the Australian Eight-oared Championship. This request was refused. On 12th October, 1920, a further request was made by the Victorian Rowing Association for the Cup, with a suggestion that it should be kept in the Australian War Museum of the State which wins the race each year. This request also was refused.

The Victorian Rowing Association then had a petition to the King prepared and signed by Captain H. C. Disher, stroke of the A.I.F. No. 1 Crew, setting out the facts and asking that his Majesty make known his wishes in regard to the disposal of the trophy. This petition was sent on 30th October, 1920, and a reply dated 13th May, 1921, was received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Winston S. Churchill, stating that "His Majesty commands me to inform you that it is his wish that the Cup should be used as a permanent trophy and be competed for annually in the Interstate Eight-oar Race of Australia."

This famous trophy had, therefore, to be won twice—first by the Australian oarsmen in three strenuous races on Old Father Thames, and then by Australian Rowing Administrators in three equally strenuous contests with the authorities who had taken possession of the Cup.

The first race in Australia for the King's Cup was held on the Brisbane River in 1920 and was won by the famous Murray Bridge Crew from South Australia. Since that year each State has won the Cup at least once.

In no other country in the world is there a regular Annual Eight-oar Rowing Competition, where we have six great States of the Commonwealth competing over a long course of three miles—the Olympic distance is one mile and five hundred and fifty yards. Ours is the World's Greatest Boat Race,



AERIAL PLAN OF CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE AT HAMILTON REACH, BRISBANE

START OF EIGHTS : Upstream end of Dolphin Wharf and point on Royal Queensland Golf Course.

FINISH : Flagpole (Cameron Rocks) and mark on Bulimba Point.

SCULLS START : $\frac{1}{2}$ mile upstream from Eights.

Interstate Eight-Oared Race

FOR THE

King's Cup

AND

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

TO START AT 3.55 p.m.

HOLDER: NEW SOUTH WALES

COURSE: The Course will be three miles and will be rowed upstream from a marked position on the upstream end of the Dolphin Wharf, which is between the Abattoir Wharf and Borthwick's Wharf and a point on the North Bank on a wharf which carries a red pipe on to the Royal Queensland Golf Course.

DISTANCE: Three Statute Miles.

STATIONS: At the Start, No. 1 Station is nearest the North (Hamilton) Bank.

STATION No. 1 New South Wales

STATION No. 2 Queensland

STATION No. 3 Tasmania

STATION No. 4 Western Australia

STATION No. 5 Victoria

STATION No. 6 — South Australia

First..... Second..... Third.....

Time.....

First, second and third places will be indicated by the judge at the end of the race by the waving of the following flags:—

N.S.W.—LIGHT BLUE

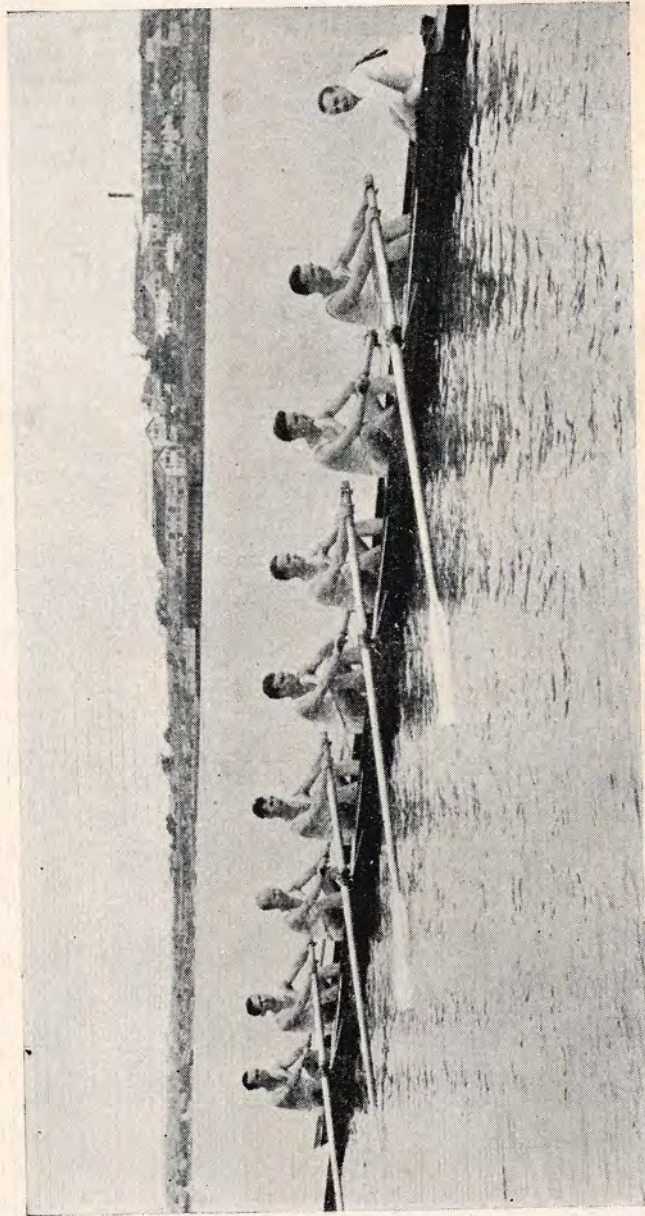
QLD.—MAROON

TAS.—GREEN

W.A.—YELLOW

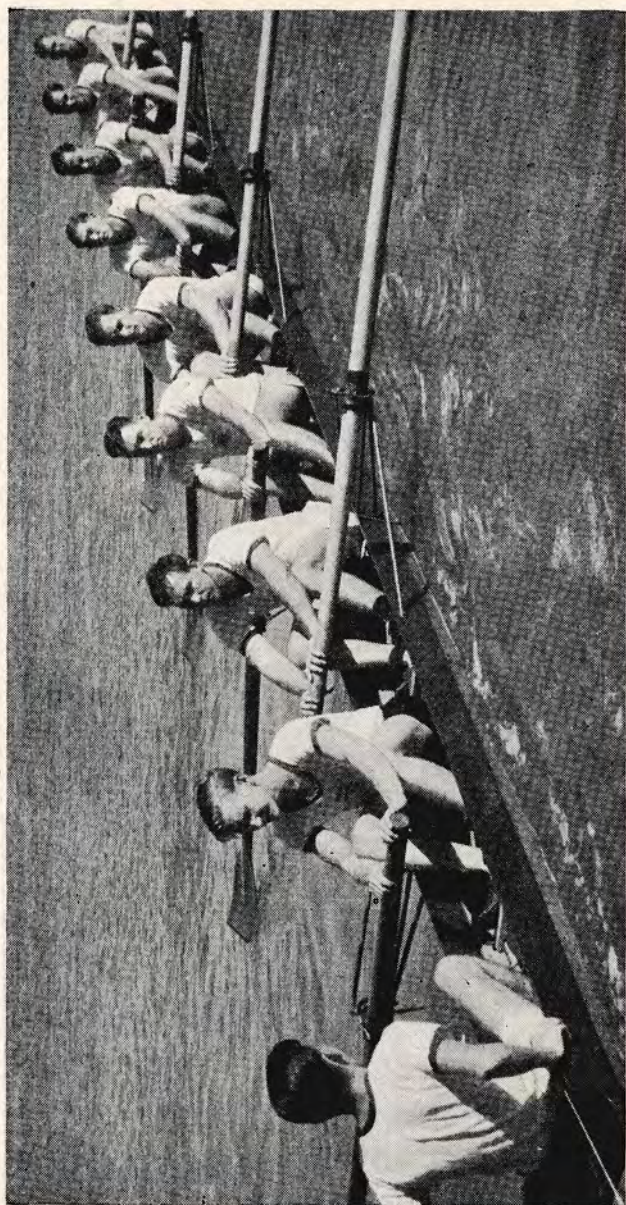
VICTORIA—DARK BLUE

S.A.—WHITE



NEW SOUTH WALES.

R. N. Tinning	st. 12	lb. 0	N. Greenwood	st. 13	lb. 0	E. O. G. Pain	st. 12	lb. 0
V. R. Middleton	(2)	12 7	R. L. Selman	(5)	13 8	P. A. Cayzer	(Stroke)	12 0
D. R. Palmer	(3)	12 7	M. D. Finlay	(6)	12 10	T. E. M. Chessell	(Cox)	8 10
Emergency :	D. R. Anderson,	12st. 9lb.	Coach :	T. E. M. Chessell.				
Emergency :	E. W. Chapman,	13st. 0lb.	Average Weight :	12st. 7lb.				
Manager :	J. R. Winton.							



QUEENSLAND. Colours : Maroon Singlet, White "Q" on Left Breast.

R. P. Mahoney	(Bow)	12	0
R. F. James	(2)	12	10
D. H. McClymont	(3)	11	10

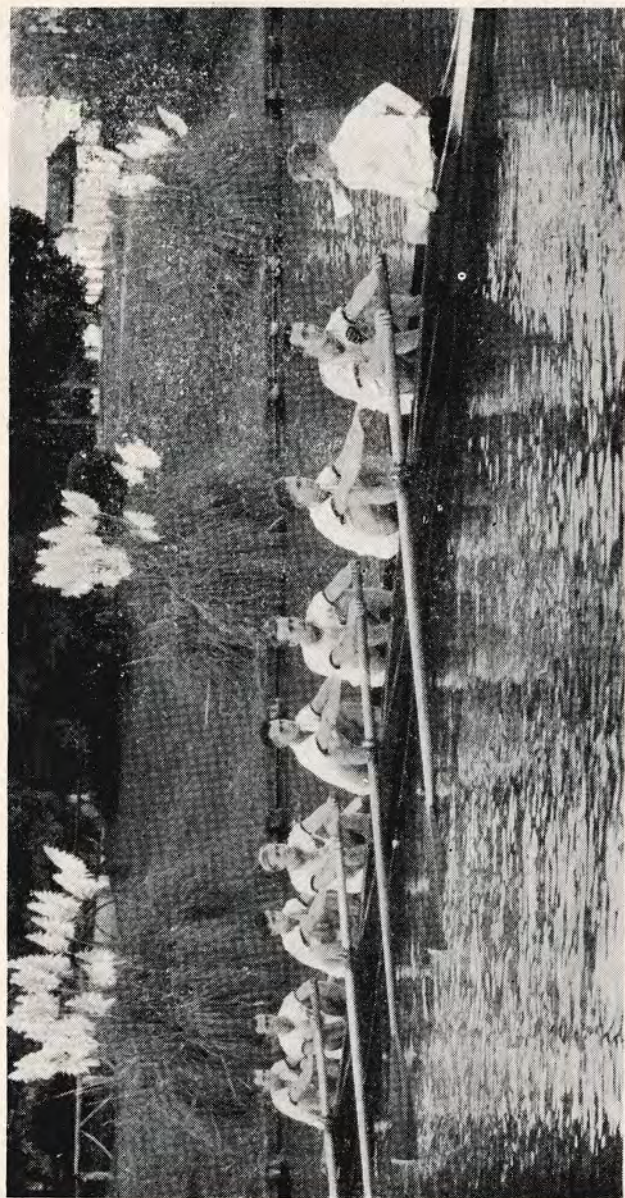
A. T. Lawton	(4)	13	7
J. M. Dowrie	(5)	13	10
T. Wardrobe	(6)	12	13

N. F. Holland	(7)	12	10
J. Nuncn	(Stroke)	10	4
D. Bray	(Cox)	8	7

st. lb.

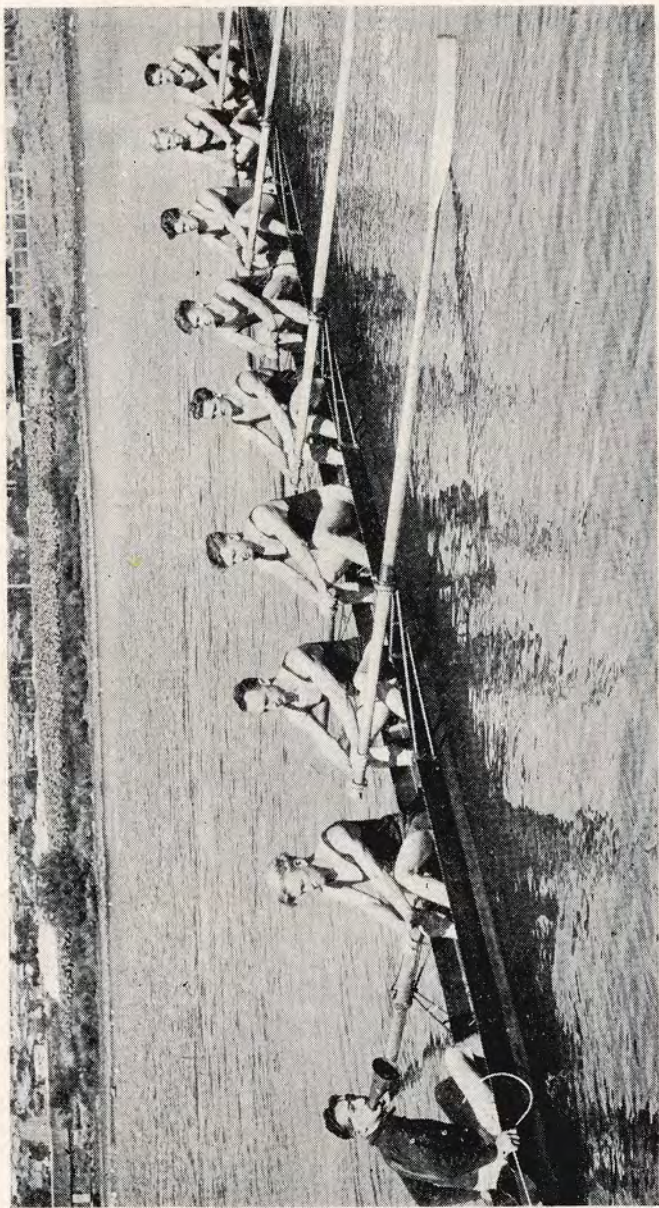
Emergency : I. Hinwood, 11st. 10lb.
 Manager : W. B. Mole.

Coxch : E. P. Evers.
 Average Weight : 12st. 6lb.



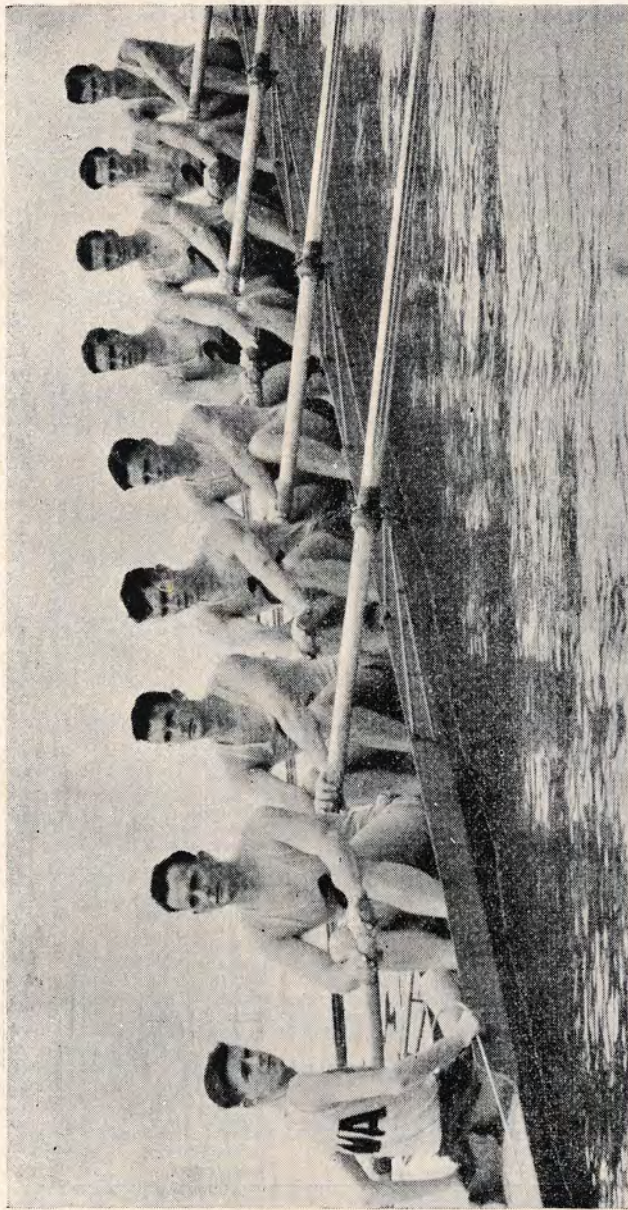
SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Colours: White Jersey, Brown and Blue Facings, with Magpie on Left Breast.

A. Smithson	(Bow)	11	12	st.	lb.
D. Daviess	(2)	11	7		
K. Simmons	(3)	12	0		
Emergency: R. R. Pike, 11st. 10lb.					
Emergency: I. Lowcock, 11st. 12lb.					
Manager: R. S. Palmer.					
R. Partington	(4)	13	6	st.	lb.
J. Hill	(5)	12	6		
K. Coldwell	(6)	12	6		
Coach: J. Bollen.					
Average Weight: 11st. 12lb.					
L. Williamson	(7)	11	0	st.	lb.
P. Morelli	(Stroke)	10	10		
A. Davis	(Cox)	8	0		



TASMANIA. Colours: Myrtle Green Singlet, Map of Tasmania in Primrose with Crossed Oars in Rose.

M. Will	st. lb.	R. J. Clark	st. lb.
(Bow) 11 10	(4) 12 9	D. F. Clark	(7) 11 8
B. A. Clark	(5) 11 8	D. C. Archer	(Stroke) 9 11
R. J. Shield	(6) 14 4		(Cox) 8 3
Emergency: F. L. Heron, 11st. 12lb.	Coach: I. Short.		
Manager: C. T. P. Cooley.	Average Weight: 11st. 12lb.		



WESTERN AUSTRALIA : Colours: Gold and Black.

G. Frizzell	st. 11	lb. 2	M. C. Gray	st. 11	lb. 9	G. L. Norton	st. 12	lb. 0
P. T. Travers	(Bow)	(2)	D. M. Devenish	(4)	(5)	D. H. Fraser	(7)	(Stroke)
R. G. Semple	(3)	11 5	A. W. Murphy	(6)	11 7	T. Scook	(Cox)	8 7

Emergency : N. J. Golding, 11st. 7lb.
 Manager : J. R. Sharples

Coach : C. E. Rogers.
 Average Weight : 11st. 7lb.

RECORD OF EIGHT-OAR CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

Year	Won by	Other Competitors	Rowed at	Time M. S.
1878	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	—
1879	N.S.W.	Victoria	Sydney	20 6
1880	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	26 45
1881	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	18 12
1882	N.S.W.	Victoria	Melbourne	20 47
1883	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	18 10
1884	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	24 5
1885	N.S.W.	Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland	Sydney	19 28
1886	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	18 42 1/3
1887	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	17 12 3/4
†1888	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	17 46
1888	Victoria	N.S.W.	Sydney	16 57
1889	Victoria	N.S.W.	Melbourne	17 30
1890	Victoria	Queensland and N.S.W.	Sydney	18 45 1/2
1891	Queensland	N.S.W. and Victoria	Melbourne	18 45
1892	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Brisbane	15 5
1893	N.S.W.	Victoria and Queensland	Sydney	19 23
1894	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Melbourne	16 24
1895	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Brisbane	16 16 1/3
1896	Victoria	N.S.W. and Queensland	Sydney	17 17
1897	Victoria	W.A. and Queensland	Melbourne	17 10
1898	Victoria	Queensland	Brisbane	16 1
1899	Victoria	N.S.W., S.A., Queensland	Melbourne	14 52
1900	Victoria	N.S.W., Queensland, S.A.	Brisbane	15 50
1901	Victoria	N.S.W., Queensland, S.A.	Sydney	17 14
1902	Victoria	S.A., Queensland, W.A., N.S.W.	Adelaide	17 7
1903	Victoria	Queensland, S.A., N.S.W., W.A.	Melbourne	14 27 4/5
1904	Victoria	S.A., Queensland, N.S.W., W.A.	Brisbane	17 17 2/5
1905	Victoria	Tas., N.S.W., W.A., S.A., Queensland	Sydney	16 25
1906	Tasmania	Vic., N.S.W., W.A., S.A.	Perth	15 57
1907	Victoria	Tas., Queensland, N.S.W., W.A., S.A.	Adelaide	17 4
1908	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., S.A., W.A., Queensland	Melbourne	14 24 1/5
1909	Tasmania	Vic., N.S.W., Queensland, S.A.	Brisbane	16 2
1910	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., W.A., Queensland, S.A.	Hobart	15 27
1911	N.S.W.	Vic., Tas., S.A., W.A., Queensland.	Sydney	17 24
1912	Victoria	Tas., S.A., N.S.W., W.A.	Perth	15 33
*1913	S. Australia	Tasmania, W.A.	Adelaide	17 1
1914	Tasmania	S.A., W.A., Vic., N.S.W., Queensland	Melbourne	13 33
1920	S. Australia	W.A., Tas., N.S.W., Vic., Queensland	Brisbane	15 5
1921	W. Australia	Tasmania, Vic., S.A., Qld., N.S.W.	Launceston	14 37
1922	S. Australia	Victoria, W.A., Tas., N.S.W., Qld.	Sydney	16 19
1923	S. Australia	W.A., Victoria, N.S.W., Tasmania	Perth	17 31
1924	Queensland	N.S.W., S.A., W.A., Tasmania, Vic.	Adelaide	18 11 3/5
1925	W. Australia	Tasmania, N.S.W., S.A., Vic., Qld.	Melbourne	17 0 1/5
1926	Tasmania	S.A., Victoria, Queensland, N.S.W.	Brisbane	15 43
‡1927	W. Australia	N.S.W., Victoria, S.A.	Hobart	16 6
1928	W. Australia	Queensland, Tas., Vic., N.S.W. S.A.	Sydney	16 50 2/5
1929	N.S.W.	W.A., Victoria, South Australia	Perth	16 43
1930	Victoria	N.S.W., Queensland, Tas., S.A., W.A.	Mannum (S.A.)	16 47
1931	Race not held			
†1932	Victoria	N.S.W., W.A., S.A., Qld., Tasmania	Melbourne	15 9 1/5
1933	N.S.W.	Queensland, Victoria, Tas., S.A.	Brisbane	14 30
†1934	N.S.W.	W.A., Queensland, Tas., Vic. S.A.	Hobart	19 38 1/2
1935	N.S.W.	W.A., S.A., Victoria, Qld., Tasmania	Penrith (N.S.W.)	16 20 1/5
1936	N.S.W.	South Australia, W.A., Victoria	Perth	16 22
1937	S. Australia	N.S.W., W.A., Tasmania, Vic., Qld.	Murray Bridge (S.A.)	15 22
1938	W. Australia	N.S.W., Tas., Vic., S.A., Queensland	Melbourne	14 13 2-5
o1939	Queensland	N.S.W., S.A., Tas.	Brisbane	14 30
1946	Victoria	N.S.W. W.A., Tas.	Penrith (N.S.W.)	17 6
x1947	Victoria	N.S.W., W.A., S.A., Tas.	Perth	11 33
1948	N.S.W.	W.A., S.A., Tas., Q., Vic.	Hobart	14 50 3/5
1949	N.S.W.	W.A., Vic., Tas., S.A., Q.	Murray Bridge	18 47
1950	N.S.W.	Vic., W.A., S.A., Tas., Q.	Melbourne	12 40 1/2

FOURS

Year	Rowed at	Won by	Other Competitors
1888	Sydney	Victoria	New Zealand, Tasmania, New South Wales
1896	Sydney	Victoria	New Zealand, New South Wales

† Two races were rowed in 1888—in April and November.

* Victoria, N.S.W. and Queensland did not finish owing to accidents.

‡ Tas. and Qld. swamped. † Distance 2½ miles.

¶ S.A. and Vic. swamped.

x Owing to rough weather race was rowed over a course of 2 miles.

o Victoria finished second, but were disqualified for passing outside a buoy.

RECORD OF AMATEUR SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

Winners Prior to 1923.—1892, M. J. Slack (Q.); 1895, E. Powell (Vic.); 1896, M. J. Slack (Q.); 1897, E. Powell (W.A.); 1898, A. Dennis (Q.); 1899, J. J. Daley (N.S.W.); 1900, M. J. Slack (Q.); 1901, J. J. Daley (N.S.W.); 1902, J. J. Daley (N.S.W.); 1903, T. H. Bourke (Tas.); 1904, T. H. Bourke (Tas.); 1905, T. H. Bourke (Tas.); 1906, P. C. Ivens (Vic.); 1907, P. C. Ivens (Vic.); 1908, H. Brasch (Vic.)*; 1909, J. R. Towns (N.S.W.); 1910, C. L. McVilly (Tas.); 1911, C. L. McVilly (Tas.); 1912, H. Green (N.S.W.); 1913, F. Coverdale (Tas.); 1914, C. L. McVilly (Tas.); 1920, A. A. Baynes (Q.); 1921, G. A. Westbrook (Tas.); 1922, A. G. Bull (N.S.W.).

Winners Subsequent to 1922 (1915 to 1919, both inclusive, no races held):—

Year	Rowed at	Won by	Other Competitors	Time M. S.
1923	Perth	A. G. Bull (N.S.W.)	M. Bradley (T.), S. McGorm (V.), A. L. Saddler (W.A.)	16 55
1924	Adelaide	J. Barton (V.)	G. Rogers (W.A.), W. C. Lorimer (N.S.W.), R. L. Naylor (S.A.), L. C. Nimmo (Tas.)	18 19 1/2
1925	Melbourne	A. Cambridge (V.)	A. W. Cuthbertson (T.), H. E. Ricketts (S.A.), C. Lorimer (N.S.W.), A. A. Baynes (Q.)	17 13 1/5
1926	Brisbane	A. A. Baynes (Q.)	J. A. Goulding (N.S.W.), A. Cam- bridge (V.), L. C. Nimmo (T.)	15 35
1927	Hobart	R. Pearce (N.S.W.)	A. H. Cambridge (V.), L. March (T.), W. Pfeiffer (S.A.)	18 10
1928	Sydney	R. Pearce (N.S.W.)	L. Marsh (T.), A. H. Cambridge (V.), A. Buckley (Q.)	15 30 2/5
1929	Perth	R. Pearce (N.S.W.)	K. Langley (W.A.)	15 47
1930	Mannum (S.A.)	J. R. Scott (N.S.W.)	A. Buckley (Q.), R. Beauchamp (T.), R. Jelbart (V.)	15 14
1931	No race held			
1932	Melbourne	H. Turner (N.S.W.)	R. Beauchamp (T.), C. F. W. Pep- pler (V.), J. Richardson (Q.)	19 5 1-5
1933	Brisbane	H. Turner (N.S.W.)	R. Beauchamp (T.), J. Richardson (Q.)	14 32
1934	Hobart	H. Turner (N.S.W.)	R. Beauchamp (T.), C. F. W. Pep- pler (V.), C. E. Slaughter (Q.)	17 46
1935	Penrith (N.S.W.)	H. Turner (N.S.W.)	C. F. W. Peppler (V.), C. E. Slaughter (Q.), H. A. Wilkinson (T.)	16 36 3/5 16 15
1936	Perth	C. A. Pearce (N.S.W.)	K. Langley (W.A.)	
1937	Murray Bridge (S.A.)	C. A. Pearce (N.S.W.)	L. A. Purves (V.), A. V. Kunoth (S.A.)	15 10
1938	Melbourne	C. A. Pearce (N.S.W.)	L. A. Purves (V.), R. M. L. Ninham (S.A.)	17 18 1/2
1939	Brisbane	C. A. Pearce (N.S.W.)	I. N. Cook (Tas.), R. C. Proctor (Q.)	14 9
1946	Penrith (N.S.W.)	M. T. Wood (N.S.W.)	Row-over owing to illness of R. V. Rawlins (Vic.)	§
1947	Perth	M. T. Wood (N.S.W.)	R. V. Rawlins (Vic.), P. Forbes (W.A.), I. N. Cook (Tas.)	13 48
1948	Hobart	M. T. Wood (N.S.W.)	R. V. Rawlins (V.), I. N. Cook (T.), N. Cullen (Q.)	15 12 1/5
1949	Murray Bridge (S.A.)	M. T. Wood (N.S.W.)	J. G. Williams (V.), S. F. Rogers (Q.)	18 28
1950	Melbourne	M. T. Wood (N.S.W.)	R. V. Rawlins (V.), W. A. Jones (T.), S. F. Rogers (Q.)	15 30 1/5

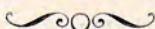
* E. Jack passed the winning post first, but was disqualified, as he failed to comply with the amateur definition.

‡ No time taken, collision during race.

† Distance, 2½ miles.

§ No time taken.

History of Early Interstate Events



Prior to the year 1878 various boat races between the Australian States had taken place in four-oared gigs. In 1878 the first boat race was rowed in eights between any of the colonies, on this occasion Victoria defeating New South Wales. The earliest boat race on record between the two mentioned States took place in 1863, in gigs, over a three-mile course, on the Parramatta River, the New South Wales crew winning in 19 min. 25 secs. In 1870 a four-oar race took place at the Balmain regatta, New South Wales, which was won by the home State against crews from Tasmania, Victoria not being represented. In 1872 a race was rowed over a five-mile course on the Derwent River, Tasmania, the Sydney Rowing Club winning from the Parramatta Rowing Club, a Barwon River Rowing Club (Victoria), and some Hobart clubs, the time for the race being 36 min. 30 sec. The same year, over a course of 7,000 yards long, on the harbour, two crews from the Sydney Rowing Club defeated a representative Victorian crew. In 1873 Victoria had her revenge with a crew selected from members of three clubs, beating crews from the Sydney Rowing Club, Hobart Town, Geelong, and two from Ballarat. The race, rowed over a four-mile course on the Lower Yarra, occupied 25 min. 30 sec., and is officially looked upon as the first Interstate race. The following year New South Wales won from Victoria over a course on the Parramatta, the distance being 3 miles 300 yards, and the time 21 min. 59 sec.

For some considerable time after this the race lapsed, but in 1888 a Victorian four visited New South Wales and, stroked by the late George Upward, won from New Zealand, with New South Wales in third place and Tasmania last. In 1896 the last of the Interstate four-oared races in out-riggers was rowed over a distance of two and a quarter miles, on the Parramatta, Victoria winning from New Zealand, with New South Wales third.

The first Interstate eight-oar race took place on March 6th, 1878, over a four-mile course, on the Lower Yarra, Melbourne. This was the first of what is to-day our greatest rowing event. Victoria won by two lengths. In 1888 two races were rowed, one in New South Wales and the other in Victoria, both events going to Victoria.

In 1913 the weather was so boisterous in South Australia that only South Australia, Tasmania and West Australia finished, the Victorians, New South Welshmen and Queenslanders swamping. The South Australian crew, who were all members of the Murray Bridge Rowing Club, won this race very easily, thanks to the initiative of their coxswain, who carried a "billy" for bailing.

In 1920, after a lapse of six years, owing to the war, the races were resumed, the first taking place on the Brisbane River. It was won handsomely by the Murray Bridge crew, of South Australia. This was the first Interstate eight-oared race to which the King's Cup became attached. In 1921, West Australia carried off the honours for the first time, on the Tamar River, Launceston, with a light but wonderfully well trained crew. It is pleasing to note that the Tasmanians registered their first eight-oared win in Perth, thereby returning the compliment. In 1922 the contest was rowed on the Parramatta River, Sydney, and the famous Murray Bridge crew again carried off the honours, Victoria being second and West Australia third. The South Australian representatives continued their phenomenal run of success, for at Perth the following year they again won, but were hard pressed over the whole course by the very active West Australian crew.

The 1924 race, rowed at Adelaide, was a stirring contest, and for the first time since 1891 Queensland carried off the coveted honours, defeating the New South Wales representatives by five feet only. Melbourne was the scene of the struggle in 1925, and in this race West Australia scored from Tasmania, with New South Wales third. In 1926, at Brisbane, Tasmania filled pride of place. Victoria was second and South Australia third. The next year's race, rowed on the Lower Derwent at Hobart, was a terrific struggle under adverse conditions. West Australia won, with New South Wales second and Victoria third. Tasmania and Queensland swamped towards the concluding stages of the contest and South Australia and Victoria went under after crossing the line.

In 1933 New South Wales won a very fine race in the record time of 14 min. 30 sec., and then followed with a sequence of wins in 1934, 1935 and 1936.

In 1939 a Queensland crew at Brisbane equalled the record established by New South Wales. In 1946, after a lapse of six years owing to the Second World War, races were resumed, and honours this year and the following year (1947) went to Victoria. New South Wales are the present holders of the King's Cup with wins in 1948, 1949 and 1950.

Since 1878 the Eight-oar Championship title has been won by Victoria, 30 times; New South Wales, 15; South Australia, 5; Western Australia, 5; Tasmania, 4; Queensland, 3.

The first crew to win for Queensland, in 1891 (rowed at Melbourne) included the following: R. T. Hilder (stroke), E. Colclough (7), W. E. Molle (6), A. H. G. Drury (5), F. M. Hart (4), A. J. Westaway (3), F. W. De Little (2), B. J. Beirne (bow), D. E. Joyce (cox) (the present President of the Queensland Rowing Council).

In 1924 our winning representatives were (rowed at Adelaide): N. Goodwin (stroke), L. P. Raffin (7), A. Clarke (6), V. Sullivan (5), R. S. Goodwin (4), T. Finney (3), E. Lewis (2), S. G. Axelsen (bow), D. Castles (cox).

The 1939 Queensland crew which equalled the record comprised: W. B. Mole (Stroke), W. J. Morrow (7), S. K. Sheard (6), M. T. Hourigan (5), D. P. Tynan (4), L. A. Tait (3), B. Fihelly (2), C. K. Thompson (bow).

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Competitors must be at their stations FIVE Minutes before time appointed for starting.

Signals to Start and Finish shall be by GUNFIRE.

If the starter considers the start unsatisfactory he may, within ten seconds thereafter, recall the competitors to their stations, and any competitor refusing to start again shall be disqualified. The signal recalling competitors shall be one gunshot.

In the event of any breakdown of an oar or boat fitting during the first half minute's rowing, the race shall be stopped and restarted from the original starting point.

Any crew or sculler leaving its or his true course during the race and thereby impeding by its or his wash or otherwise any other competing crew or sculler, shall be liable to disqualification. A boat's true course is the shortest way to the winning post, leaving room for all opposing boats to come up level in the position in which they started.

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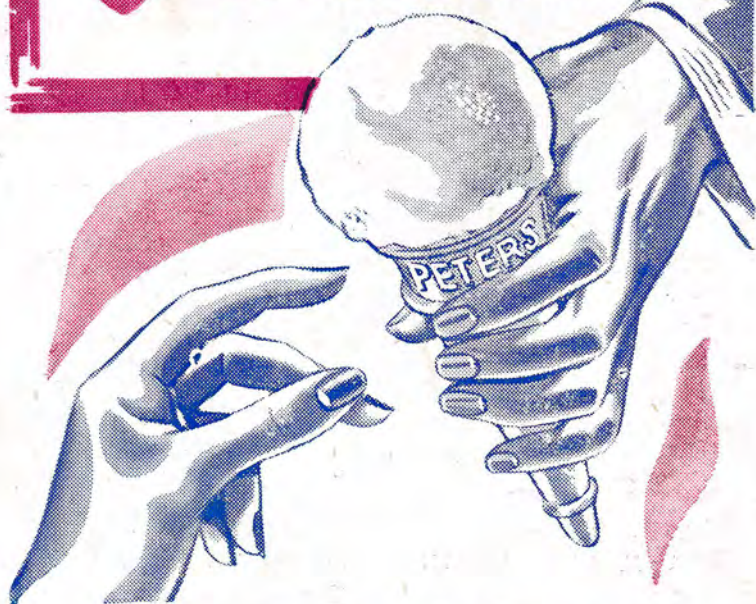
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