

Spectators scarce at rowing championships

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"I don't know if too many rowers will tell you that's why they row, they're not doing it for that reason," Bell explained. "But when it comes

along, it's great. You always love to read your name in the paper."

Although the current situation shows a lack of interest in these parts, Bell insists the promoters of rowing should not be content with the

status quo.

"I THINK IT'S the biggest shortcoming in any modern sport when you don't get spectators out," he said. "I think we must continue to try to sell the idea of rowing. We do need spectators, and we do need paying spectators. Right now, we're feeding off ourselves."

According to Bell, it cost \$14,000 to stage the amateur championships, and, with no admission charge to view or participate in the races, the onus to foot the bill was entirely on

the host club — the Detroit Boat Club.

"A lot of hard work went into this," Bell said. "We've been working to raise money the last two years. This wasn't something that happened overnight."

The Detroit Boat Club raised money to host the event through direct solicitation, advertisements in the championship program, and proceeds from a millionaire's party. However, most of the funds were raised via direct donations, according to Bell.

Overall, Bell said he was pleased with the results of the men's championships, which took place in the Detroit area for the first time since 1959 and the first time ever at Stony Creek. The women's championships took place at Stony Creek in 1979.

"There were a lot of good races; a lot of close races," Bell said. "There was only one that was really lopsided. It was very competitive. I thought everything came off well. There were no major disasters."

Bell, who served as a liaison be-

tween the regatta committee and the park committee, said the biggest problem he concerned himself with was getting Stony Creek Lake closed during competition.

"That was my biggest concern," Bell said. "I'm really grateful to Huron-Clinton Metro Parks and the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) for letting us close the lake to outside traffic. That was the key to the success of the championships. We had to cross some hard bridges, but the Huron-Clinton people were really good about it."

rowing results

The following are the results of the men's 1978 United States Rowing Association National Championships held at Stony Creek, Michigan:

Barnes Cup: 1. New York Athletic Club, 302:27; 2. Vesper Boat Club (Philadelphia), 304:45; 3. Detroit Boat Club, 306:05; 4. Fairmount (Connecticut), 312:25; 5. Malta, 34:02; 6. Wyandotte Boat Club, 34:17; 7. Eosne Rowing Club, 34:47.

Lightweight quarter-mile single: 1. Bill Beiden (Fairmount), 1:16:47; 2. Paul Fuchs (Detroit BC), 1:17:14; 3. Larry Kleckley (NYAC), 1:17:17.

Intermediate double: 1. Fairmount (Johnson, Franz), 6:54:49; 2. NYAC (Brisson, Houston), 6:58:23; 3. Vesper BC (Ted, Gal), 7:01:21.

Intermediate lightweight double: 1. Woodstock (Henry, Peaker), 6:52:08; 2. Argonaut RC (Neal, Haag), 6:58:23; 3. Detroit BC (Gonzalez, Rens), 6:53:43.

Intermediate four w/coxswain: 1. Vesper "B" (Matson, Singha, Hahler, Vannorndt, Stollman), 6:46:00; 2. New York AC (Fleming, Elfer, Forstner, Arand, Caminiti), 6:50:16; 3. Undine (Greylock, O'Brien, Fitzgerald, McIntyre, Wagler), 6:51:71.

Elite lightweight four: 1. Lightwight Camp (Gribble, Andrews, Gernoff, Scull), 6:22:00; 2. New York AC (Pieris, Tchinkel, Piani, Terrell), 6:23:10; 3. Dartmouth (Gardner, Holland, Brittain, Lang), 6:53:49.

Elite four w/coxswain: 1. Vesper (Baranick, Blount, Kaufman, Hoffman, Nelson), 6:58:42; 2. St. Catharines (Wilkinson, Addison, Sheppard, Henry, Anderson), 6:48:53; 3. New York AC (Gozzo, Eisen, Hargis, Connors, Quaglian), 6:42:10.

Intermediate pair: Still in dispute.

Elite lightweight single: 1. Paul Fuchs (Detroit BC), 7:05:52; 2. Bill Beiden (Fairmount), 7:08:53; 3. Larry Kleckley (NYAC), 7:11:19.

Intermediate light single: 1. Don Chioder (Durham), 7:21:00; 2. Mike Bernadelli (Wyandotte BC), 7:26:53; 3. Jerry Samuels (Detroit BC), 7:46:01.

Intermediate single: 1. Mike Totta (NYAC), 7:21:12; 2. Greg Murphy (St. Catharines), 7:22:07; 3. Jack Frackleton (Fairmount), 7:21:40.

Elite pair: 1. Detroit BC (Chris Richard, Gary Wojcik), 6:47:20; 2. Penn (Giblin, Kymphoff), 6:53:43; 3. Avesper BC (Jahlonik, Erickson), 6:58:15.

Elite light eight: 1. Lightwight Camp, 5:52:41; 2. St. Catharines (5:59:41); 3. Vesper, 6:00:43.

Lightwight quad: 1. Malta (Matson, Colgan, Goss, Lenz), 6:14:02; 2. New York AC (Rieckaby, Sonberg, Piani, Jacobs), 6:17:12; 3. Fairmount (Micheli, Crowley, Hazlett, Belden), 6:22:53.

Elite single: 1. Pete McGowan (Catharines), 7:18:01; 2. Pat Walter (Burnaby BC), 7:32:16; 3. Charles Murray (Undine), 7:32:34.

Intermediate eight: 1. New York AC, 6:07:43; 2. Detroit BC (Tom Levine, Jack Wolf, George Kuy, Jeff Larson, Nick Lenta, Rick Reed, Tom Cople, Nick Serafin, Dan Uvacko), 6:11:48; 3. St. Catharines, 6:12:22.

Intermediate light eight: 1. Buffalo West Side, 6:09:77; 2. Western Ontario, 6:17:27; 3. New York AC, 6:18:55.

Quarter-mile single: Jim Dieta (NYAC), 1:12:9; 2. Chris Richard (Detroit BC), 1:13:3; 3. Brad Lewis (Newport Beach), 1:13:51.

Senior double: 1. Vesper (Simone, Sutton), 6:50:15; 2. St. Catharines (Stewart, Campbell), 6:55:55; 3. Fairmount (Roulet, Franz), 7:00:38.

Senior light double: 1. Malta BC (Colgan, Matson), 6:48:52; 2. Undine (Byrant, Scholten), 6:50:07; 3. Fairmount (Crowley, Manichini), 6:50:47.

Senior four w/coxswain: 1. New York AC (Silks, Gillet, Piani, Coad, Quaglian), 6:37:36; 2. Florida Tech (Burg, Todd, Kony, Wark, Allen), 6:39:50; 3. Vesper (Colgan, Hoffman, Neeceyap, Strohbach, Rubin), 6:41:70.

Elite four: 1. Vesper (Kaufman, Ted, Blount, Baranick), 6:52:00; 2. New York AC (Gozzo, Eisen, Modman, Brown), 6:40:26; 3. St. Catharines (Warren, Fleming, Donosa, Vanderburgh), 6:59:07.

Senior light four: 1. New York AC (Florida, Jacobs, Tchinkel, Terrell), 6:53:23; 2. Buffalo West Side (Mills, Kehliser, Hatch, Kasper), 6:59:38; 3. Dartmouth (Lange, Crofoot, Amy, Brustin), 6:43:56.

Senior quad: 1. Vesper (Simone, Ted, Sutton, Gallo), 6:16:77; 2. New York AC (Houston, Totta, Donoh, Barlen), 6:19:37; 3. Malta (Matson, Brown, Colgan, Lenz), 6:20:00.

Senior pair: 1. Avesper BC (Jahlonik, Erickson), 7:00:42; 2. Peterborough (Wilkins, Holland), 7:02:23; 3. Marina de Mexico (Chavez, Castro), 7:12:13.

Elite double: 1. Ridley Grad (Storm, MacGowan), 6:29:22; 2. Fairmount (Bracken, Belden), 6:33:30; 3. New York AC (Kleckley, Diets), 6:38:40.

Elite pair w/coxswain: 1. Detroit AC (Chris Richard, Gary Wojcik), 6:47:20; 2. Penn (Giblin, Kymphoff), 6:53:43; 3. Avesper BC (Jahlonik, Erickson), 6:58:15.

Elite light four w/coxswain: 1. Vesper (McGee, Gribble, Scull, Baker), 6:54:59; 2. Eosne RC (McKinn, Chiparo, Gorta, Lenz), 7:17:39.

Elite light pair: 1. Eosne RC (Bill Samu, Bob Bernard), 7:15:13; 2. Wyandotte BC (Gary Ellison, Mike Kent), 7:25:33; 3. Vesper (Tierney, Hingley), 7:48:18.

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Elite quad: 1. Ridley/Burnaby (Juguen, Walter, Storm, MacGowan), 6:08:12; 2. Fairmount (Corboy, Bracken, Frackleton, Belden), 6:11:33; 3. New York AC (Rieckaby, Baker, Tivita, Dietz), 6:18:14.

Elite eight: 1. St. Catharines, 5:57:13; 2. Vesper, 5:53:44; 3. St. Catharines, 5:57:13.



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