



WELCOME TO CARRUM - DAY 2 OF THE AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Today was repechage day at the regatta and is where all of the crews that row have their second and final chance at making the finals.

The new Hatchet blades were in use again today providing sculler Matt Dingle with a win in the mens single scull champiops repechage. Matt recorded the second fastest time of the day in the scull to easily account for his rep.

Australian double sculling champion Jason day from the AIS (Bendigo) won his repechage to record a one second faster time than Matt in the mens single scull. In the same event Tony Loverich from the Curtin University of W.A. rowed thru Michael Quinn (Barwon) to win his race and issue a challenge to the other scullers in this race. Tony was a former silver medalist in the L.A. Olympics and should not be forgotten.

The fastest time in the single scull was recorded by Craig Jones who is also a contender for the final on Saturday.

The event that caught a lot of attention today was the mens coxless pairs (H/W) Matt McCardle and Tony Johnston from Victoria were pushed the whole way down the course to hold of a determined Queensland pair of Mark Halstead & Greg Howel

In rep - 3 The AIS pair of Rob Scott & Nick McDonald Crowley were true to form and after their now traditional slow start they edged in front of Andrew Muller & Warwick Hooper of Victoria to eventually win by 1/2 a length. The Doyle Brothers were never really in the hunt and are surely close to finishing their very successful careers that has seen them both represent Australia on severall occassions.

Sam Patten & Gary Gullock from the Victorian club of Mercantile were stretched all the way to hold out a fast finishing pair from the AIS. The closeness of the race helped them to record the fastest pair time of the day.

RETURN TO FORM - Both Bruce Hick of Canberra & the AIS double scull for women stroked by Guillian Cambell returned to the winners circle winning the repecharges in their respective events. Both crews look like they have hit form in time to make life difficult for the other competitors in their events.

CLOSEST RACE OF THE DAY - This award goes to the Lightweight mens pair in which the first two crews went through to Fridays finals. Bill Peden and Antony Rickards from MUBC were unlucky to miss out on the semi finals by 1/100 th of a second. There was a photo finish for second spot and the Essendon pair of Darbyshire & Crowley received the nod from the judges.

WARNING - A crew of young enthusiastic rowers were late to the start of their race and were unable to start. The coach of the crew obviously did not brief his rowers properly so to avoid this happening to other competitors please double check all of the start times well before the race.

WEATHER - The weather today was an improvement on yesterday with the wind only picking up in the last couple of hours of the regatta. Tomorrows forecast is for hot and windy weather.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL COMPETITORS FOR SEMI FINALS DAY - DAY 3

