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# Oakland Strokes sweep to nationals

**Submitted by Rachel Yates** 



Oakland Strokes Men's Junior Varsity 8+ cross the finish line to secure Gold

ings and grueling land and water workouts paid off this weekend for the Oakland Strokes Rowing Program as they put on a powerful performance to take a record breaking 18 medals, and advance a total of seven boats to the USRowing Junior National Championships.

The varsity women's team put on a commanding performance to medal in every event they entered. This performance, combined with the success of the women's novice team led to a win of the Women's Team Points Trophy by a convincing margin over cross bay rivals Marin. The varsity women's head coach Allison Dobb Ray, associate women's head coach Anita Sarrett, and strength coach Frank Clayton were clearly delighted with the outcome of the team effort. "I am most proud of the team performance - winning the points trophy speaks to the strength of our team and the team culture the team has worked so hard to build," Dobb Ray said.

The longstanding rivalries in the varsity men's programs made for some intense races, with Newport, Marin, Capital and Oakland battling it out in nail biting finishes.

The Oakland Men qualified three of their boats for Nationals and set the stage for some fierce competition in Sacramento in June.

As the varsity men's head coach Brian

he many hours of training, early morn- De Regt noted, "We're very pleased with how the boys handled themselves through the season and rose to the occasion when it mattered most ... The most gratifying part of the weekend was watching our athletes learn what can happen when they fully buy into the process, and discover just how much they're capable of."

As a 'no-cut' program, the success of the Oakland Strokes program is a testament to the commitment and work of the coaching staff at both novice and varsity levels. Many of the athletes who are heading their first, second - or even third - National championships had no rowing experience before joining the Strokes. Instead, most come through one of the summer 'Learn to Row' sessions or joined as novices in the fall. The team heading to Nationals has an eclectic mix of athletes - some who have rowed since middle school, while others joined the program as high school juniors.

What unites them, according to managing director Dana Hooper, is the transformative power of rowing. "Rowing ... is a sport that allows a diverse group of young men and women to come together and learn to work as one, and ultimately achieve goals that are greater than they ever could have achieved individually."



Oakland Strokes Women's Team dominate the medal podium with 5 Golds, 3 Silver and 3 Bronze medals, winning the overall Team Points Trophy.

# 2017-2018 Boys DAL All League

Winter Sports

DAL All-League – Foothill Division Boys Basketball - 2017-18

1st Team All-League - Foothill Division Carter Mahaney Campolindo

2nd Team All-League – Foothill Divisio Robby Rowell Acalanes Aiden McNamara Acalanes

Honorable Mention – Foothill Division

Miramonte Brandon Betson Andrew Logan Miramonte Campolindo Trevin Kroichick David Ahazie Campolindo

DAL All-League – Foothill Division **Boys Soccer – 2017-18** 

1st Team All-League – Foothill Division Jose Carra Hernandez Campolindo

2nd Team All-League – Foothill Division Seppi Ortman Campolindo

Honorable Mention – Foothill Division

Kellen Clancy Campolindo Lucas Allen Campolindo Jamiel Liu Campolindo

DAL All-League – Valley Division **Boys Soccer - 2017-18** 

Co-Most Valuable Player – Valley Division Sam Pinto Miramonte

Most Valuable Offensive Player – Valley Division

Alex Topping Acalanes

1st Team All-League - Valley Division Travis Stevenson Acalanes

Chris Rogers Acalanes Ben Andrews Miramonte Cole Kelez Miramonte Owen Reed Miramonte

2nd Team All-League - Valley Division

Nick Geannacopulos Acalanes Oliver Feigin Acalanes Luca Argast Miramonte Ross Gruen Miramonte Andrew Byrne Miramonte

Honorable Mention – Valley Division Tai Fox Miramonte Giovanni Sponzilli Miramonte Conor Roemer Miramonte Reider Martinsen Acalanes Dominic Van Cleave Schottland Acalane Luke Denham Acalanes

DAL All-League Boys Wrestling-2017-18

2nd Team All-League

145 Owen Madaus Miramonte Acalanes

160 Issac Douglas

**Honorable Mention** 106 Noah Hamann

Campolindo 152 Steven Williams Campolindo

Addison Early

Acalanes





Carter Mahaney



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Jose Carra-Hernandez Seppi Ortman









Owen Madaus



Isaac Douglas



2017-2018 Girls DAL All League Winter Sports will be included on May 30

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