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Australian Rowing Championships: NSW Win King's Cup for Third Year in a Row

The undoubted highlight from the interstate races at the 2010 Australian Rowing Championships was the NSW Men's Eight victory in the Kings Cup.

Seeking to win the illustrious race for the third successive year, the Men's Eight was a star studded crew: James Chapman, Sam Loch, Nick Hudson, Don Grimm, Nick Purnell, Matthew Ryan, Fergus Pragnell, Dan Noonan and Toby Lister (cox).

Despite variable weather conditions at Nagambie – that shifted from hot and dry to overcast to windy within the 6 hours of racing on Sunday – the NSW King's Cup crew were able to set a new course record at Nagambie in a time of 5:27:95mins – nearly four seconds ahead of the Victorian crew.

The NSW Men's Youth Eight also climbed the podium at the Championships, winning the Bronze medal.

The Championships aren't all about Interstate races. It is also an opportunity for clubs and schools from all over Australia to test their ability against one another. While crews become accustomed to their NSW competitors during the season, crossing state borders can often throw new challengers and race styles into the mix.

There were several clubs that proved they are not only NSW champions, but national champions as well.

Kinross Wolaroi left Nagambie with a hefty number of medals and national titles. Daniel Whitehead was the first student from the Uniting Church day and boarding school in Orange to medal, winning a Silver in the Under 17 Boys Single Scull. It was in the Schoolboy Coxed Four – in which Whitehead also rowed – that Kinross was most impressive. The crew raced a blistering final 500m to finish three seconds ahead of Silver medallists Canberra Grammar School.

Not willing to be outshone by their schoolmates, the Kinross Wolaroi Schoolgirls Coxed Four also won a Silver medal.

Maclean High School student Isaac Bolton confirmed the widespread belief that he is a future representative rower with a commanding performance to take the Gold medal in the Schoolboy Single Scull.

Sydney University pair Alistair Matthews and Edward Alexander won Gold in the Open Club Men's Double Scull.

In the Schoolboy Eight NSW crews filled the podium, but not at the highest tier: the Shore crew left Nagambie with the Silver medal while The Scots College won the Bronze.

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