

UOM youngsters shine at the Opening Regatta

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Another rowing season began with the opening regatta held on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of March 2012 at the Colombo Rowing Club. This is a great opportunity for novice oarsmen and women to unveil their talents.

Arjuna Ahangama of the UOM Rowing Crew represented the winning team of the HMS Enterprise Four race. The four consisted of a mixed crew representing UOM, UOC & Royal College.

UOM's Pathmika Madushan and Thiran Sellahewa got selected to the Vanlenburg pair trophy final race. However Royal College, Colombo emerged champions in the final. Thilina Buddika and Malyth Madushan of the UOM crew finished as semi finalists in this pair event losing to the eventual champions.

In the mens double scull races, Pathmika Madushan and Malyth Madushan qualified to the semi finals. They competed against St. Thomas' College in a close race in which St. Thomas' oarsmen moved on to the finals.

Novice sculler Joy Nitharshan got selected to the quarter finals through the qualifying races for the Golden-Armstrong Scull Trophy. He proved to be a promising youngster at his first regatta performing an impressive "take-her-home" against the Royal College sculler.

UOM's oarswomen too competed in scull, pair, double scull and coxed four categories and Shauri Hettiarachchi qualified to the quarter finals of the scull races.

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The regatta marked a great beginning with budding talents discovered and the crew wishes to continue with their expectations high for a victorious season ahead.

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