

COACH'S UPDATE

After a very productive summer by many of our athletes, it is great to be back on the Oakland estuary with our 2011-2012 crew. We officially started practice on September 6th with about 70 athletes (the largest squad in my tenure). Obviously we are excited that our undefeated freshmen crew has returned intact, but I'm sure that every class will be represented in this year's varsity 8.



Head Coach
Mike Teti

I'm happy to report that Wyatt Allen (freshmen coach, Olympic champion) and Luke Agnini (assistant coach U23 gold medal and World record 8) will be back along with our new intern Patrick Schulkers. Patrick comes to us from Marin Rowing Association where he coached the novices to two SW Regional Championships and in 2011 lead the lightweight crew to a Gold medal at the Junior National Championships. Of course I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Mike Fennelly "the Boss" who is returning for his 31st year!!

On October 1st, we sent a varsity 8 to the Head of the Oklahoma and won both the 3 miles and 500 meter spring respectively. Cal beat a strong Harvard crew as well as the US Pan American 8 and a boat consisting of the US lightweight team. Congrats to Luke Agnini (he coached this boat) and the guys on a fine performance.

As many of you already know, I have been asked to coach the US Olympic boat this year. A group of athletes will come to Berkeley in January to train. We need to qualify the boat in May at the Lucerne, Switzerland qualification regatta where they will hopefully move on to London for the Olympics. I will coach this group around the Cal Crew schedule and am 100% committed to the Golden Bears as we strive to win another National title. I will certainly draw on inspirations from Ky and I'm sure he'll look favorable on this group of fine young men.

I'd like to take this moment to thank Andreja Stevanovic for all his hard work over the past 3 years as head of the Friends of Cal Crew and welcome Andy Rogers as our new president. Congratulations Andy and we look forward to working with you.

We also want to welcome Van Thaxton (mother of Joe '14) who will be the new chair of our parents group who raised over \$108,000 for our program last year. This group was run by Georgia Lee (mother of Mike Shenk '13). Thanks Georgia and welcome Van!

I'd like to thank Rodney and Shirley Friedman for purchasing another Empacher 8 to go along with the one they purchased last year (Golden Bear II-Undefeated Freshmen Shell). Also, a big thank you to Jim Knuppe who purchased a new Empacher last year for our Varsity 8 (Bobbie Knuppe-Speedster), as well as a new van for the team this summer after one of our vans was put out of service. Thank you Jim!

I am very excited about our prospects for the coming season and hope to see you at the next race. As always, please feel free to stop by the boathouse to see a workout.

All the best and GO BEARS!

ATHLETES CORNER

Luka Djordjevic



Chris Yeager
Class of 2012

Sophomore Luke Djordjevic grew up in Belgrade, Serbia and loved to study math as a child and considers it his first love. It wasn't until 2003 when Luke was 12 years old, when he discovered his second love-rowing. Starting to row at a very young age compared to kids in the United States, Djordjevic found success early in his career and has only excelled since. Luka competed at the Jr. World Rowing Championships in 2008, taking

4th place in the 4+. Again in 2009, Luke went back to the Jr. World Championships but in the 2-, where he took 1st place with his pair partner Igor Lucic, also a sophomore at Cal. Before coming to Cal, Luka and Igor went to the 2010 Under 23 World Championships in the 2- and took 6th. Djordjevic came to Cal in the fall of 2010 with the intent on majoring in Computer



CAL Frosh Win 2010 Temple Cup
at Henley

Science. He stroked the Freshmen 8 that went undefeated and then went on to win Henley too. After Henley, Djordjevic went back to the Under 23 World Rowing Championships and again brought home the gold medal, this time in the 4+. Now in his sophomore year at Cal, Luka hopes to keep winning national championships, graduate, and then go to the Olympics.

FRIENDS

The Friends of Cal Crew would like to introduce Andy Rogers, our new president. Andy has been working closely within the organization and has now taken the leap to the top in order to lead us to our goals. This year, we need to raise \$400,000 to keep the program at a championship level. Supporters like you are who we rely on and make the crew program at Cal possible. Last year we had 100% participation from every athlete and coach in the program, and we are looking to do the same on the Alumni, Parents, and Friends side of things. We have sent out our fall donation mailing, please take time to look this over and use our postage paid, pre addressed envelopes. If you did not receive a fall mailing packet, please click the link below to join our mailing list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

calcrew.com

The new website, calcrew.com is now up and running. From this site you can find all the information about the crew you need and want to know. We have videos of racing along with all the news stories posted about the crew. Also we have links to our Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, and LinkedIn pages. We hope you enjoy the new website.

Tailgate Party

This year, the Cal Crew Tailgate Party. Oregon St. football game. We had about 100 people stop by for beers, brats, garlic fries, and of course to share rowing stories. We would like to



thank everyone who came to the event and made it such a success. We hope to see everyone at next year's tailgate!

Cal Crew Weekend



This year, the Friends of Cal Crew will be sponsoring the first ever Cal Crew Weekend, on March 23rd-24th. **On Friday night we will have the 2nd annual Dinner, Dance and Live Auction** and then on Saturday we will host the annual Alumni Day at the boathouse. **This year at Alumni Day we will unveil the Ky Ebright statue!** So please put these dates in your calendar and look for more information to come soon.