

Heavyweight Women Make a Show of Strength at Canadian Indoors in Toronto

The women from Rowing Canada's London Training Centre came out in force on Sunday to race at the Canadian Indoor Rowing Championships in Toronto.

In one of the most hotly contested races of the day, Anna-Marie de Zwager of the London Centre won the heavyweight women's category in 06:41.6 - a personal best time on the erg (or indoor rowing machine).

"I did better than expected. I didn't know whether I'd have the legs to go for it at this time of year," said de Zwager, a Victoria, B.C. native.

2004 Olympians Sabrina Kolker, also of Rowing Canada's London Training Centre (06:49.2) and Romina Stefancic (06:49.5) were second and third respectively.

World Champion in the women's pair, Darcy Marquardt of Richmond, BC, was fourth in 06:51.0. Her pair partner on the water, Jane Rumball of Fredericton, NB, was ninth in 06:56.3. Two-time Olympian Buffy Williams of St. Catharines finished seventh in 06:55.5. Twenty-eight women competed in the heavyweight women's event in Toronto.

Other highlights included, Michelle Prince of Ridley Graduate Boat Club in St. Catharines winning the lightweight women's event in 07:09.7. Andrew Borden of Bayside Rowing Club took the lightweight men's event in 06:25.1

Peter McClelland of the London Training Center won the heavyweight men's category in 06:03.8.

Doug Csima of Hamilton's Leander Boat Club won the Senior B men's race in 06:08.0. Audra Vair of the Ottawa Rowing Club won the women's Senior B race 07:09.6

Timothy Colson of the London Training Centre won the Senior B lightweight men's race in 06:25.4. Nicole Campbell of Queen's University won the Senior B lightweight women in 07:29.2.

David Wakulich of St. Catharines Collegiate won the Junior A men's in 06:06.1 - eight seconds ahead of the second-place finisher Conlin McCabe of Brockville, Ont.

Approximately 890 people participated in the Toronto event – from school kids to grandparents! True Canadian champions will be named from the results combined with other indoor races completed on Sunday. Results from other indoor events run across Canada will be available on Feb. 5.

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