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# International glory for Henley's Young Rowers with 14 medals

May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> saw Henley Rowing Clubs (HRC) junior squads take to the International stage with crews competing in Munich and Ghent. HRC was very successful across both events and returned home with an impressive medal tally of 10 golds 2 silver and 1 bronze.

As part of the selection process for this year's junior GB team Ella Morgan, Mary Wright and Lottie Orr were asked to represent Great Britain at the Munich junior regatta. Mary and Ella competed across the two days in pairs and fours and Lottie in doubles and quads. Munich is a very tough regatta with not surprisingly a very strong German squad presence across all events. Ella and Mary did exceptionally well with a win in their pair while Lottie finished fourth in the quad. The results should stand the girls in good stead for their objective of selection to this year's GB Junior Worlds Championship Team.

Meanwhile in Ghent, the rest of the girls squad plus Lachlan Reid from the boys squad were winning Gold medals in just about everything they entered. The Saturday and Sunday regattas are separate events with Saturday's events also being the International Belgian Senior Rowing Championships and the International Flemish Junior Rowing Championships.

Saturday saw Amy Sotnick, Rebecca Lister, Tilly Lock, Phyllis Barter, Daisy Butterworth, Alice Jones, Grace Johnson, Alicia Redman, cox Freya Reid win the Junior eights event beating Commercial RC of Ireland on Sunday they repeated the feat but beating Cork BC of Ireland. In Junior women's singles, Georgie Robinson Ranger had a comfortable victory of over 26 seconds. The following day saw her win once more but her winning margin was much reduced by her team mate Issy Jonsson who finished second. Laclan Reid also put in a good performance to finish in the top 20 amongst and huge field of single scullers at both Regatta's

Competing above their age in under 23s pairs, Georgia Edwards and Clare Pearson had a comfortable victory on both days against Molesey. Going up another category to Open Womens 4s, Georgia and Clare were joined by Lauren Kay and Georgie Robinson Ranger. The crew did well getting to the final of this open event and finishing in third place behind the top boats from Molesey and Tideway Scullers. Lauren Kay also finished a very good third in the under 23 single sculls on Saturday. Back in Junior events Clare Pearson was joined by Alice Jones in the pair to win Saturdays event comfortably.



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In Junior womens quads on Saturday Tilly Lock, Phyllis Barter, Georgie Robinson Ranger, and Issy Jonsson - from a field of 19 entries - had a 2sec victory over New Ross RC of Ireland. On Sunday Alice Jones replaced Georgie in the quad and another Gold was sneaked with a 0.25sec victory over Sporting Dunkerquois of France. And the final event – the Junior Womens 4s - Sunday saw another close race with Phyllis Barter, Daisy Butterworth, Grace Johnson, and Alicia Redman beating Commercial RC by half a length.

Back on home soil this weekend, HRC was also at the Junior Sculling Regatta on Sunday. This event is held on the 2000m Olympic course at Dorney Lake. HRCs first win came from the J15 2x boys squad who walked away with a well-deserved bronze. The crew of Ed Roy and Dan Crick had to cope with a difficult cross wind and a slow start. But as the race progressed they advanced through the field to take bronze with a strong last 500 metre charge. Grant Taylor in J15 1x came 4th in his A final, narrowly missing a medal in a high quality field. Two junior girls crews were also competing. Both reached the 'A' final after the morning time trial. The crew of Georgia Brown, Amber Weller, Carla Russell, Hanna Hills and Cox Freya Reid, stormed out and had themselves a quarter length lead at 500m, this they increased to half a length by 1000m, and even though pressed hard in the last 500m by Latimer Upper School, maintained it to the finish. A string win for the girls.

Both pictures: Henley's Junior Women's' squad at the GB trials





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Henley's Junior Women's' squad at the Ghent Regatta



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Henley's boys win Bronze in a J15 x2 at the Junior Sculling Regatta at Dorney Lake



Henley's girls win Gold at the Junior Sculling Regatta at Dorney Lake



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