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## Rowing rolls with regattas in rest of season

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On Saturday, April 12, the Assumption College Women's Rowing Team participated in a seven-team regatta in Buzzards Bay, Mass. During that week of competition, the team was ranked third in the NCAA's Division II East Region for fours, eights and as a team. As of April 23, the Hounds ranked fourth for all three categories.

In the women's varsity four race, consisting of four rowers and their coxswain for all seven teams, Assumption women finished third with a time of 7:57.40. Within the first couple dozen strokes of the event, one of their seats lost an oar, but the group was able to recover quickly. With only 500 meters until the finish, Assumption nearly beat Endicott for second place, but Endicott

managed to sprint to the end with a time of 7:54:08. In a battle for third, Assumption outdistanced Franklin Pierce, the Ravens finishing with a time of 7:58.27.

The members of the WV4 race included coxswain Gaiyan Wu, four Amanda Saunders, three Alina Schmidt, two Sarah Montgomery and bow Rachel Lahey.

The women's second varsity four race consisted of three boats, Assumption placing second ahead of Franklin Pierce but falling short of Bryant by 14 seconds. Finishing with a time of 8:32.32, Assumption's W2V4 boat was composed of coxswain Jaclyn Newman, stroke Mary Giardino, three Lauren McCarthy, two Kirsten Dessert and bow Casey Vallas.

The women's novice fours race outdistanced the other four teams competing, beating second-place Brandeis by an 11-second margin. The WN4 crew was coxswain Modeleecy Villafane, stroke Jillian Iacobone, three Rebecca Gooley, two Lauren Landers and bow Sarah Small.

In the final race of the afternoon, the women's varsity eight race, Assumption placed third of five with a final time of 8:09.37, defeating Franklin Pierce and Bryant's novice boat. Endicott won the race after 7:41.14, beating Bryant's varsity boat by under a second. For five of the eight Assumption rowers, this race was their second of the day.

This WV8 crew consisted of coxswain Wu, stroke Giardino, seven McCarthy, six Dessert, five Sandy Isiminger, four Mariah Mitchell-Labrie, three Small, two Annah Coddington and bow Meghan Carter.

Teams participating in this regatta were from Brandeis University, Bryant University, Endicott College, Franklin Pierce University, Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Roger Williams University.

The Sunday, April 13 regatta against Connecticut, Amherst and Bowdoin colleges was cancelled.

The Lady Hounds competed again on Saturday, April 26 as they hosted Franklin Pierce at Lake Quinsigamond and came in second of three when facing Franklin Pierce and Merrimack. The Hounds will wrap up their season on Saturday, May 3 with the New England Championships at home.

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