

Rowing Shorts

The Lost City of Lake Casitas

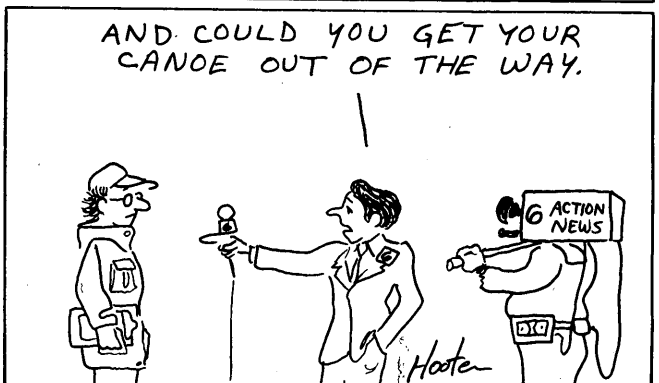
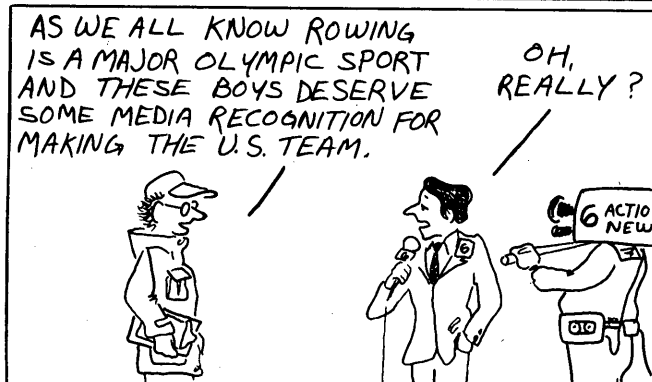
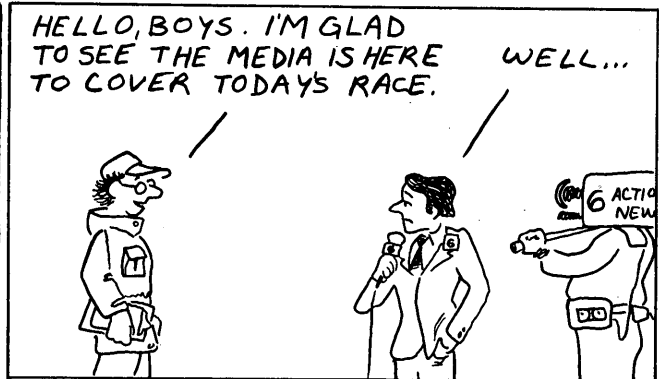
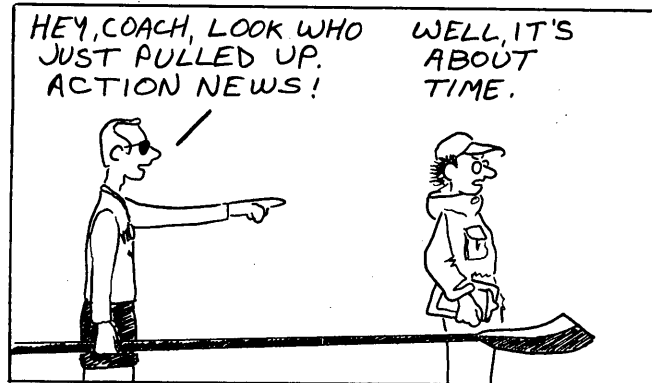
Among the problems with holding the Olympic rowing events on a natural lake is uncertainty in the nature of the lake bottom. Lake Casitas held a little surprise for the divers working on the course.

Divers found that they weren't necessarily just anchoring into normal lake bottom. There were rooftops and streets to contend with. When this valley was flooded to create the reservoir which is Lake Casitas, a small town was abandoned. Thus, in addition to the steep slope of the lake bottom, course installers Bill Smoke and company

found themselves confronted with a town.

ABC's three mid-race cameras were positioned on houseboats which also had to be anchored: to a bank, a delicatessen and a basketball court.

Those houseboats were necessary for another reason. If the cameras were on shore, they faced east. With races scheduled for the morning, that meant that every camera would face the sun, useless for filming. Thus, the stable houseboats and the specially-designed catamarans with gyroscopic camera mounts for filming from the water were necessary, which in turn enabled ABC to produce some of the best rowing footage ever.



Regatta Results

University of Washington Varsity Eight

Photo: Steve Richmond

FISA Junior Championships

Jönköping, Sweden
July 17-21, 1984

Women's Four with Coxswain: grand final: 1. East Germany 3:22.26; 2. USSR 3:23.98; 3. Bulgaria 3:24.27; 4. Rumania 3:28.18; 5. France 3:30.20; 6. Great Britain 3:30.23. petite final: 1. Canada (no time); 2. USA (Sara Hazelwood, Michelle Falivena, Mary McCagg, Amy Muckleroy, Kerry Bramhall) +.12.0.

Women's Pair without Coxswain: grand final: 1. East Germany 3:34.76; 2. USSR 3:41.55; 3. Hungary 3:44.33; 4. Bulgaria 3:44.88; 5. Belgium 3:53.30; 6. USA (Lisa Cornelio, Amy Broderick) 3:55.32.

Women's Eight: 1. East Germany 3:04.42; 2. USSR 3:08.81; 3. West Germany 3:09.18; 4. USA (Elizabeth O'Brien, Margaret Kelly, Christie May, Vicki Vadnais, Elizabeth McCagg, Sarah Watson, Juliet Thompson, Kris Sanford, Hilary Der Yuen) 3:10.01; 5. Great Britain 3:24.91.

Men's Four with Coxswain: grand finals: 1. East Germany 4:37.01; 2. USSR 4:41.17; 3. Australia 4:43.17; 4. Italy 4:43.71; 5. West Germany 4:47.87; 6. Yugoslavia 4:50.96. petite finals: 1. Great Britain 4:48.54; 2. USA (Niki von der Schulenberg, David Roccaforte, Ron Korb, Hugh Corroon, Jeremy Subin) 4:48.84; 3. Bulgaria 4:53.43; 4. Canada 4:55.12; 5. Israel 5:01.06; 6. Switzerland 5:03.54.

Men's Double Sculls: grand finals: 1. East Germany 4:47.74; 2. USSR 4:49.17; 3. Italy 4:51.58; 4. Great Britain 4:51.98; 5. Bulgaria 4:54.71; 6. Yugoslavia 4:55.87. petite finals: 1. Norway 4:52.69; 2. Hungary 4:57.03; 3. Finland 4:59.36; 4. USA (Andrew Kress, William Phelps) 4:59.62; 5. Switzerland 5:00.96; 6. Australia 5:01.66.

Men's Single Sculls: 1. East Germany 5:11.92; 2. Sweden 5:13.32; 3. Holland 5:19.31; 4. Switzerland 5:22.23; 5. Hungary 5:23.72; 6. USA (Glenn Florio) 5:24.89.

Men's Pair with Coxswain: 1. Rumania 5:10.8; 2. East Germany 5:11.01; 3. Czechoslovakia 5:17.54; 4. USSR 5:22.16; 5. Great Britain 5:24.14; 6. USA (David Thompson, Josh Millard, Arthur Cooper) 5:32.06.

Men's Eight: 1. France 4:12.61; 2. East Germany 4:12.89; 3. USSR 4:14.57; 4. USA (Thomas Mills, Kevin Cameron, Jay Finney, Keir Pearson, James McDevitt, John Amory, Jon Anderson, John Rusher, James Oakes) 4:15.86; 5. Spain 4:17.87; 6. West Germany 4:18.99.

1984 National Women's Collegiate Championships

by Redge Campbell

A lot of coaches across the country have got to be wondering what it's going to take to beat the University of Washington women's varsity. For the fourth straight year, the Huskies have rowed through the best the East has to offer and come out on top.

If there was ever going to be a year, this was supposed to be it. Washington had a young crew and were without the services of Head Coach Bob Ernst, who was off coaching the Olympic team. But under the able coaching of John Squadroni, Washington shook off a poor start in the final to outstroke Radcliffe for the championship. In the JV race, Yale rowed to a one-second victory over defending champion Washington in what was the hardest fought race of the afternoon. Just under five seconds separated first from fifth place.

The lightweight eight race was the long-awaited rematch of Western Washington University against San Diego State University. Just two weeks earlier, at the Western Sprints, San Diego claimed victory by less than a bow ball. Both boats stayed within a second of each other the entire length of the course. At the finish it was Western's turn to celebrate. The margin of victory was virtually the same as at the Sprints, but it was Western's last stroke that earned them the school's first National Championship in any sport.

The novice eight produced a fine win for the Golden Bears of Cal, leading Yale, Stanford and UCLA across the finish line for one of two national titles going to the Bay area. In the fours it was all UCLA. Choosing to pass up the eights, the Bruins gained a lot of credibility for their program with fine wins in the open four and light four.

Next year, it's back to the East Coast and Washington, D.C. And next year it'll be time again for the nation to try to break Washington's stranglehold on the National title.

National Women's Collegiate Championships June 2-3, Seattle, WA

Open Four Final: 1. UCLA 4:11.46; 2. Yale 4:12.07; 3. U. Cal. Berkeley-A 4:12.38; 4. Washington; 5. Boston U.; 6. Cal-B; 7. Princeton.

Novice Eight Final: 1. Cal.; 2. Yale.; 3. Stanford; 4. UCLA; 5. Wash.-A; 6. Wisconsin.

Junior Varsity Four: 1. Cal.; 2. Wash.

Lightweight Eight: 1. Western Washington U. 4:03.54; 2. San Diego State (SDSU) 4:03.60; 3. U. of Oregon 4:11.32.

Novice Four: 1. Yale 4:21.22; 2. Washington 4:23.78; 3. Cal 4:24.44; 4. Humboldt State U. 4:24.94; 5. SDSU 4:26.15.

Junior Varsity Eight: 1. Yale 3:39.02; 2. Washington 3:40.16; 3. Princeton 3:41.48; 4. Wisconsin 3:43.15; 5. Dartmouth 3:44.88.

Lightweight Four: 1. UCLA 4:14.6; 2. Radcliffe 4:15.9; 3. Loyola Marymount U. 4:21.3; 4. Pacific Lutheran U. 4:24.7; 5. Oregon State 4:26.0.

Open Eight Final: 1. Washington 3:29.48; 2. Radcliffe 3:31.08; 3. Wisconsin 3:32.97; 4. Dartmouth 3:34.72; 5. Stanford 3:39.67; 6. Minnesota 3:40.01.



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Yale Junior Varsity