

# DAD VAIL ROWING ASSOCIATION

15 WHITEHALL STREET

New York, N. Y.

C. Leverich Brett,  
Chairman

4/27/43

Charles F. Jennings,  
Secretary-Treasurer

Dr Eugene Melder

Clark University

Worcester Mass.

Dear Dr Melder:-

Yours of the 26th rec'd. I regret that Clark cannot race May 1st. Your letter came just as I was about to notify you that the Dad Vail Assn Regatta had been cancelled. Both Boston U and AIC have notified me recently that they had no oarsmen left and must quit for the duration: that leaves only Rutgers U. I had delayed writing you until there was no hope.

Even the Rutgers management cancelled rowing activities for the duration early in the Spring but the student and I went to Bat with the result that they finally allowed two crews to continue on their own and at their own expense.

On May 17 we raced Princeton and Columbia on the Raritan River at NB. Princeton won by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths with Columbia third  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths behind Rutgers. In the other race Columbia Fresh beat our 150# JV crew by 2 lengths.

Last Saturday I Refereed a Triangular Regatta at Phile between Penn- Princeton and Rutgers- Princeton won again by  $1\frac{1}{5}$  sec over Penn with Rutgers third 5 sec behind Penn. Princeton lost to Penn in the 150# Varsity and in the JV Race Penn won with Princeton second Rutgers third and a second

Penn JV crew last. The Regatta was a success.

Next Saturday we race Columbia for our FINAL on the Harlem NY. Last Saturday Columbia surprised by beating Navy by 10ft.

We will probably get l~~u~~ked by Columbia Saturday. In all the races this year the visiting crews rowed in borrowed boats and in my lexicon this gives the home crew a 2 length advantage.

This is Rutgers 10th year in the sport since it was reinaugurated 1933. I am afraid that rowing in the colleges will be out until after the War after this year. All crews are very much on a War time basis. material is scarce and will be nil in 1944, I am afraid.

I will of course keep the DVRA going on paper at least and I look for a great resurgence in rowing and in fact in all sports after the War. I hope I am hea~~u~~d to help it and to see it.

I think you are doing a fine job and more power to you. The NAAO Booklet is printed and will soon be mailed with the 1st NAAO Bulletin . I presume you sent your \$1.00 to Bates and you will get all the rowing News as published. The National Regatta will be at Phila on July 17-18 and many other Regattas will be held at Phila this year - maybe the last.

My best to you. Please keep in touch with me and I will try to keep you advised of any changes. When the DVRA starts up again, I hope that Clark will be able to compete as a guest and that later your crews will join the Assn when and as they are able. Almost all the younger Coaches are in the Service the last I heard to go was Tom Bolles of Harvard.

Sincerely

Lev Brett

