

# Cincinnati victor June 19 gets Henley trip

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There will be a national rowing championship of sorts in Cincinnati next month, and while that wasn't the intention of the sponsors when this regatta was dreamed up, no one can squawk too much if the claim is made.

On June 19, over a 2000-meter course close to downtown, Yale's unbeaten varsity eight will go head-to-head with California and probably four others, all with championship credentials.

This Cincinnati Classic is strictly an invitational regatta and it is the most enticing rowing event in the country. It is new this year and if it's successful, it will be an annual. The thinking of Bill Engeman and several other rowing buffs, all living in that area now, was to invite the winners of certain regattas to come to Cincinnati, all expenses paid, to put on a show for a populace that has shown interest in the sport. To make it even more alluring, the winner goes to Henley with all expenses paid. The response, naturally, has been heavy and enthusiastic.

Yale was first to accept and coach Tony Johnson was on the phone at Lake Quinsigamond last Sunday only minutes after his great crew had won the Eastern Sprints with ease. Monday morning, Mike Livingston, the Harvard

grad and Olympian who coaches Cal, called with his acceptance. He had won the Western Sprints and also took the Pac-10 title. Neither crew will be at the IRA Championships at Syracuse 10 days from now, so the winner there – and keep an eye on Princeton – will be the third crew.

The rest? The winner of the Harvard-Yale race was talked about and if Harvard avenges last year's defeat, the first time the Crimson lost over 4 miles to Yale since 1962, Harvard could be selected. If a Midwest champion can be determined (Wisconsin?), it will be selected and it's possible the sponsors would go to the lightweight division in search of a powerhouse to complete the field. Regardless of the crews selected and the eventual winner, the Cincinnati regatta is a big boost for rowing and the event is a cinch to survive.

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In the only competition of the weekend, Penn's varsity eight won the Burk Cup on the Schuylkill beating Northeastern by a half-length over 2000 meters. Penn moved out to a three-quarter-length lead at 500 meters and had open water at the halfway point. The Huntington Hounds closed it a half-length at 1500 meters but couldn't come any closer the rest of the way. Northeastern had won the trophy four

years in a row and the loss yesterday gave coach Buzz Congram his first losing season.

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