



# BULLSHEET

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Welcome to the fresh look in Taurus news: **Bullsheet**. Give us all the latest gossip on Brookes, Taurus and our GB squaddies, and we will spread it round Britain.....

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## ***Watch out for the geese***

Brookes hits Henley Royal again this week, with the usual clutch of varied crews. At the development level there are two Temple eights, not expected to reach the final perhaps, but good solid club crews.

There is a competitive *Britannia Cup 4+*, with new boys Tom Parker, Ben Pugh, Alex Cavell, Jack Drea and cox Nick Ford, and another Brit entry which has to qualify. There's also a *Visitors'* slot for Brookes boys Ed Fox and Robbie Kennedy, teaming up to composite with Matt McQuillan and Andy MacPherson from London RC, but also entered in the *Goblets* as a pair and ready to give Pinsent & Cracknell a good thrashing.

The women also play the composite card: cox Caroline O'Connor along with rowers Heike Assmuss, Vicky Brierley, Briony Oldale and Marianne Nordahl recently won the *club coxed fours* at *Henley Women's*. They've now hooked up with four OUWBC students to try and defend the *Remenham Challenge Cup for W8+*: the Stewards have unkindly made them qualify.

Top men's boat this time is a (guess what) *Visitors' 4-*: Richard must have lost count of the number he's put entries in for over the years. This time it's the turn of Henry Bailhache to row with old duffers Tommy Burton, Dan Marett and Phil Baker. Don't be fooled by their recent second-place Marlow Regatta result - they rowed with one crewmember who had been chucking up blood - these guys are fast (again).

After Henley there are plans to take at least the W4+ and perhaps some men's crews to the *National Championships*, with the goal of winning *Home Countries* selection (it's in Ireland this year: party time!). So the Brookes juggernaut rolls on - get those blazers out and stand ready to yell for the crews!

## ***Bulls on the rampage***

Of the various Taurus members in action at this Henley Royal, Ben Hunt-Davis has the poshest rôle. As a new-boy *Steward* he picks up all the worst jobs, including supervising the ladies' loos in the boat tents. Shame.



Other than that, **Bullsheel** has heard of a few hardy perennials. Bart Hudson's in the *Wyfronts* again, Andy Mac's been spotted in an Army crew, and Lottie Miller's coxing the Leander *Ladies' Plate* entry. Three good old boys are vying to top the Taurus charts with a 6th HRR medal: Danny Maret (Visitor's), Mike Reynaud (*Men's Quads*) and Steve Williams (*Stewards'*). The *Goblets* is stuffed with Taurus powerhouses: Ollie Keech, 'JD' Burton and Dave Bushnell plus the usual suspects already mentioned.

Two Taurus lads have been coaching: Ben Lewis has stepped manfully into the breach as Spratley's assistant this summer, and similarly, Rob Edmondson has been making himself useful helping coach Oxford Uni's women at HWR and the OUWBC/OBUBC composite women's eight in the *Remenham Cup*.

If you ain't been mentioned here then you aren't making enough noise about it. Off the water, **Bullsheel** suspects we'll see the best Taurus action in the Fawley Bar (verticality optional) from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July onwards. Mine's a Pimms, thanks for asking.

### ***Overseas action***

The usual Taurean odds and sods have been gallivanting about on the international scene: latest venue for

the wearing of GB kit being the '72 Olympic lake in Munich. Joe von Maltzahn's M4-, who will probably go coxed later in the year, were second in the B-final, and Alex Beever finished a strong fifth in the A-final of the W1x. Steve Williams won the silver he is getting rather used to with the British M4-, behind Germany again (but only just), while Alex Partridge and Jonno Devlin came home with bronze medals from the M8+.

Next international outing is the final round of the World Cup, in Lucerne, a week after HRR. Absent from Munich were the entire men's lightweight squad, including Ben Webb (in the LM4-) and Danny Harte (in the new LM8+) – hopefully they will make an appearance in Lucerne.

### ***Barbie city***

Same time, same place, you bring the Martini. Yes, it's time for the Taurus Barbecues..... There were rumours to the contrary, but the traditional Henley Fireworks *are* going ahead: obviously they heard Taurus was going to be in town, and decided to pay homage. Saunter on down to the field by Remenham from the end of racing on Saturday of HRR. The return match takes place in the autumn at the boathouse - watch this space.