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## Oakland Strokes Compete at Nationals

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The Oakland Strokes sent 23 of its top athletes to Sarasota, Fla., to compete at the 2015 U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships. From June 12-14, Strokes' crews competed against 162 high school rowing teams.

The Strokes varsity men won the gold medal in a marquee event, the Grand Final 8+, with a time of 5:51.813, for the first time in the program's history.

The women's team won the silver medal in the Lightweight Womens 8+ Final with a time of 6:52.055.

The men's 4+ boat won the Petite Final in their event with a dramatic come-from-behind 0.08 second victory.

The varsity men's 8+ boat. From left: Max McDonald, Tucker Johnson, Connor Olson, Cameron Chater, Kenyon Watson (coxswain, Miramonte), Michael Cuellar, Alexandr Lilichenko (Miramonte), Rhys Daniel, Daniel Hogan (stroke).



The women's Lightweight 8+ boat. From left: Tenaya McCoy, Limor Dubrovsky (Acalanes), Julia Giovanni (Campolindo), Madelynn Prendergast, Gray Strandberg, (coxswain), Raleigh Long, Marie Johnson (Miramonte), Jillian Lundstrom (Miramonte), Elizabeth Hofinga (stroke, Miramonte).



The men's 4+ boat. From left: Isabella Onken, (coxswain), Henri Illien, Nikita Lilichenko (Miramonte), Brandon Fluegge (Miramonte), Luke Lawler (stroke). Photos provided

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