

Leander scoop two pennants

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The Leander Club women's quad which included world champion Debbie Flood at stroke, world bronze medallist Lou Reeve at three, Georgina Menheneott at two and world silver medallist Jane Hall at bow

With two pennants to their credit and five crews in the top ten, Leander athletes bettered their 2006 total at this year's Fours Head in London, but it was Tideway Scullers who once again took top honours with a 13-second winning margin at the head of the field.

The leading Leander crew was loaded with international talent and included club captain Mark Hunter in the bow seat, as well as former world bronze medallists Matt Wells and Steve Rowbotham forming the stern pair. The crew had a good start but Tideway Scullers, with the Slovenian world champion Iztok Cop at stroke, and another world champion, the New Zealander Mahe Drysdale at three, opened up the gap over the second half.

In the coxed fours Pete Reed and Alex Partridge, from the GB men's four, teamed up with Marcus Bateman and Rick Egington, but had to be content with second place behind traditional rivals Molesey, stroked by Andy Hodge, another member of the GB four.

Leander's two pennant wins came in the elite coxless fours, won for the second successive year, and the senior two quads, where a young crew of development athletes came right through the field to finish in seventh place overall. No less than four Leander crews took second places, including both the women's quad scull and the women's four.