



Competing against 550 other crews from around the UK and Europe, over 35 UL athletes raced the 7.3km Fours Head race, whose course mirrors the Varsity Boat Race course.

In Elite Men's quads, UL's crew of Irving, Stuart, Nichol and Laughton came 11th overall, and 7th in their division. After the crew suffered from two last minute withdrawals, the result was hugely impressive.

In Senior 2 Mens Quads, the crew of Dyer, Jones, Wright and Hiatt came 16th in their division and 62nd overall, improving 20 places from their start position. Like the Elite Quad, the crew suffered from last minute withdrawals, with three men dropping out, but still fought back to claim a pleasing finishing position.

The Elite Mens Coxless Four of Lort, Shaw, Ljubicic and Jacklin were 8th in their division and 136 overall, while in the Senior 2 Mens Coxed Four, two UL crews produced good results. The crew of Clarke, Tickell, Thompson and Gillies (cox: Fieldman) were 5th in their division and 107 overall, improving a massive 150 places from their start position. The 2nd crew of Lancaster, Mann, Reading and Anyiam (cox: Reid) came 15th in their division, and 183 overall, improving 75 places from their start position.

In Womens Elite Quads, UL's two entries of Etiebet, Walczak, Eddie, Rowe and Wilson, Young, Walczak and Emma were 7th and 10th respectively in their division, and 100th and 155th overall. Both improved dramatically from their start position, and having two Elite entries highlights the current strength of UL's women's squad.

Finally, in Women's Senior 2 Quads, UL's two entries of Birch, Muir, Murphy, Mann and Wirt, Ingram, Walker and Moultrie came 5th and 8th in their division.

Overall the results show promise for the forthcoming season and highlight impressive depth, with in particular the men's squad suffering from several late withdrawals.