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City rowing twosome are Head girls

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CITY schoolgirls Natalie Bream and Philippa Neill are celebrating a famous win.

The pair competed in the prestigious Fours Head of the River Race on the Thames and claimed first place in the Womens Junior Quad event after an afternoon of high drama.

Bream, of Orton Longueville School, and Neill, of King's School, are both mem

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bers of Peterborough City and St Neots.

They competed on the Thames on behalf of St Neots in a composite crew alongside Ruby Ellam (Star, Bedford) and Bethany Astell (St Neots).

The four had only rowed together twice previously, but they stormed to victory in impressive style before suffering a 10 second penalty for allegedly not displaying their race number correctly.

But the crew managed to overturn the decision after producing photographic evidence to support their case. A crew from Henley finished second with Lady Eleanor Holles providing the third place finishers.

The Fours Head of the River race is the largest event of its type in the country with 550 boats taking part over the seven kilometre course.

Conditions were awful with strong winds and heavy rain, but the girls still produced an excellent time of 21 mins, 28 seconds to finish 229th overall.

STAR Peterborough City rower James Fox was also a winner on the Thames at the weekend.

The 16 year-old from Jack Hunt School was invited to compete for Westminster School in the junior quad race at the Fours Head and the crack crew romped home in 19 minutes, 21 seconds, a time good enough for a hugely impressive sixth place overall.