

Shocker Rowing heads to nationals

Wichita State Rowing will go to the American Collegiate Rowing Association (ACRA) Nationals Saturday and Sunday, May 26-27, at Lake Lanier, Ga. The team will race a Varsity Men's Eight, Varsity Women's Eight, Varsity Lightweight Men's Eight, Men's Pair and a Women's Double. This is the fifth consecutive year that Shocker Rowing has attended the ACRA Nationals since its debut in 2008.

Shocker Rowing will hold a media event for reporters at 9 a.m. Thursday May 17, at 511 N. Nims, in Wichita, the Shocker Rowing's launch site on the Little Arkansas River. Prior to the media availability, practice will take place from 6-9 a.m.

Malcolm Johnson, a four-year rower, has gold medaled twice at ACRA Nationals in the men's double. This year he will lead the Varsity Men's Lightweight Eight to its first appearance at nationals for the Shockers. The Women's Varsity Eight is currently ranked No. 10.

Before heading to Lake Lanier, site of the 1996 Rowing Olympics, the Shockers face Kansas University and Kansas State University for the Sunflower State Championships at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Lake Afton. In addition to the races, Shocker Rowing is holding "try rowing" boat outings for recruits, family and friends. Shocker Rowing has held the team trophy for the past five years and hopes to recapture it in 2012.

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