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RACING RETURNS TO HENLEY

Oxford Brookes University produced a dominant row against Tideway Scullers School (TSS) to win the Ron Needs Challenge Cup for Championship 8 at Henley Women's Regatta (HWR) 2021.

The event marked an end to a successful return to racing on the Henley stretch after the 2020 cancellation of HWR due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Oxford Brookes' time of 4 minutes, 11.7 seconds was the fastest of the day on a course that was slightly shortened for safety reasons, with the start moved from one end of Temple Island to the other.

However, Brookes were not able to defend the Aspirational Academic 8+ title they won in 2019, with the University of London's (UL) A crew victorious in that event. UL also won Championship 2- and Championship 4-, but lost to local rivals Imperial College in Aspirational Academic 4-.

TSS picked up wins in Aspirational Club 8+, Aspirational Club 4-, Aspirational 4x and junior 1x and also reached the junior 4+ final, where they were beaten by Glasgow Academy.

Several clubs local to Henley reached the finals. Shiplake College beat Marlow in junior 4x while in junior 16 4x, Marlow beat Kingston Grammar School. Upper Thames Rowing Club were losing finalists in Aspirational 4x.

Headington School defeated Henley Rowing Club in the final of junior 8+, earning their fifth trophy in this event. Headington's last HWR win was in the same event in 2017.

The regatta was held under Covid-secure rules, with changes this year including no medals ceremonies and no passengers in the umpires' launches.

The 2021 regatta also marked the final year in charge for chairman Miriam Luke, who is stepping down after nine years and handing over to Paralympic gold medallist Naomi Riches.

For full results, visit www.hwr.org.uk.

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