

CANOE RACING NEW ZEALAND INC.



GUTSY PERFORMANCE FROM THE KIWIS

8 August 2012

The Kiwi Men's K2 crew of Steven Ferguson and Darryl Fitzgerald showed outstanding form and a gutsy performance in the final of the K2 1000m today. The pair had a good start and settled into their rhythm from the outset.

Darryl says *"We felt really strong from the first stroke and established a good tempo. We held our position down the course and by the 250m we were really killing ourselves. We worked hard to control our race and really feel we raced the best race we could!"*

Their time of 3:12.117 is a personal best and their staggering burst of speed at the end gave them a New Zealand record. *"The support from back home has been just incredible. We've had so many great messages and are really grateful for the way everyone has encouraged us."*

Canoe Racing NZ's High Performance Manager Grant Restall remarks *"Our team here in London has been fantastically supportive of each other and the atmosphere here is positive and vibrant. We're proud of the boys efforts today and are looking forward to the girls racing tomorrow."*

Final results Mens K2 1000m:

1 st	Hungary	Dombi/Kokeny	3:09.646
2 nd	Portugal	Pimenta/Silva	3:09.699
3 rd	Germany	Hollstein/Ihle	3:10.117
4 th	Australia	Smith/Wallace	3:11.456
5 th	Sweden	Oscarsson/Nilsson	3:11.803
	Russia	Medvedev/Ryakhov	3:12.047
7 th	NZ	Fitzgerald/Ferguson	3:12.117
8 th	Slovakia	Gelle/Vleck	3:12.519

Ben Fouhy raced the B final of the Men's K1 1000m and was disappointed to finish 6th in the field.

Tomorrow's A final of the Women's K2 500m features Lisa Carrington and Erin Taylor who have been 'dark horses' in this race and will make for compelling viewing. Teneale Hatton also races the B final of the Women's K1 500m, timetable shown below.

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CANOE SPRINT RACING TIMETABLE

Date	Race	Athletes	UK Time	NZ Time	Progressions	SKY coverage from (NZ time)
Thurs 9 August	Womens K1 500m Final	Teneale Hatton	10.08am	9.08pm	B finals – Lane 8	8.25pm SkySport 7
	Womens K2 500m Final	Lisa Carrington & Erin Taylor	10.42am	9.42pm	A finals - Lane 1	
Fri 10 August	Womens K1 200m - Heat 1 (lane 5) - Semis	Lisa Carrington	10.19am 11.30am	9.19pm 10.30pm	Heat 1 – Lane 5 1-5 + best time 6 th 1-4 to A, 5-8 to B	8.25pm SkySport 7
Sat 11 August	Womens K1 200m Final	Lisa Carrington	10.14am	9.14pm	A & B finals	8.25pm SkySport 7